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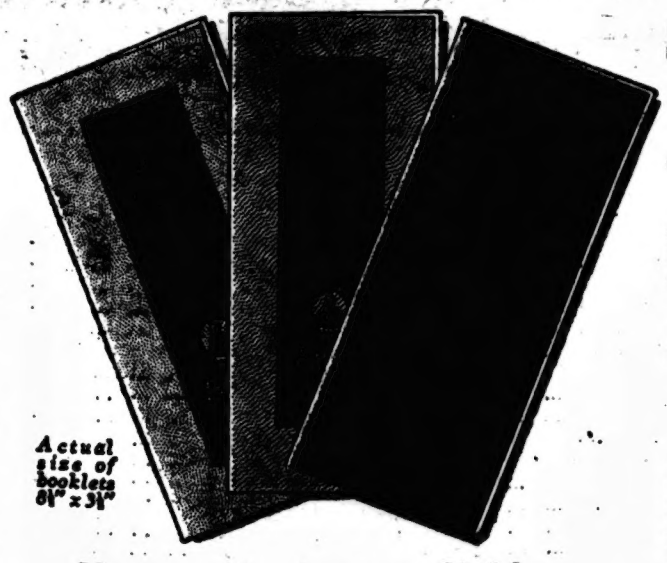

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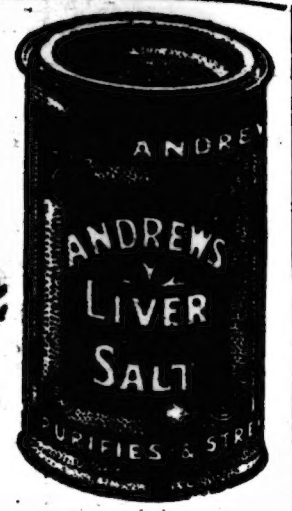

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Government Changes.

These may be divided into three categories—good, bad, and indifferent. In the first list, we place the appointment of Lord Edmund Talbot as Catholic Viceroy of Ireland. It should go a long way towards bringing peace to the distressful land. In the second, we put the "promotion" of Sir Robert Horne to the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. What *do* lawyers know about figures? In the third, we include practically all the others.

A Diplomatic Illness.

Nothing more amusing, however, has been published in connection with these changes than the inspired statement that Mr. Illingworth retires from the Postmaster-Generalship "on account of ill-health." In a sense, of course, that is true—but the illness was of a mental rather than of a physical description. What Charles Dickens would have given to have known him!

The By-Elections.

We are considering the question of having a cut at one of these. The ground does not look too attractive, but, as Mr. George Bernard Shaw is supposed to have said (although we believe we had heard the phrase before), "You never can tell."

The March to Berlin.

We are frequently asked: "Assuming Allied troops marched into Berlin, what should we do then?" The answer is simple—Germany would do the rest.

Farrow's Bank.

Quite a large number of creditors in this concern have intimated their intention of nominating us for the Liquidatorship. We regret, however, we must decline the honour.

Capital Punishment.

We have had much pleasure in "backing" the Bill, introduced by Major Christopher Lowther, prohibiting the infliction of the death penalty upon minors, and in all cases where the jury makes a recommendation to mercy. Whatever the deterrent effect of capital punishment may be, we must not too lightly hurl human beings into eternity.

Courts-Martial Reform.

And, in conjunction with Major Lowther—who has made Courts-Martial Reform a special study—we are renewing our efforts to obtain soldiers condemned to death by Courts Martial the right to have their sentences reviewed by the Court of Criminal Appeal. Surely, a cut-throat or a highwayman should not be placed in a privileged position in this respect.

A Woolwich Echo.

The *British Citizen* is astounded to hear that *we* won the Woolwich election. Our authority for the claim was the *Labour Leader*, which said the fight was one between Bottomleyism and Macdonaldism.

Traffic in Old Horses.

We have gladly associated ourselves with a small group of Members who are determined to do their utmost to stop the present abominable traffic in worn-out horses—in connection with which we are sorry to note that Belgium is the worst offender.

The Premier Forgets.

In his recent speech to the Coalition Wanderers, who, led by Sir Ernest Wild, "don't know where they are," Mr. Lloyd George said "The Bottomley Independents, and others, were dividing the Anti-revolutionary forces," and, presumably, letting in Labour. We wonder whether Messrs. Duncan and Macdonald agree.

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Bravo, Sir Frederick!

Hats off to Sir Frederick Milner—than whom the fighting men have never had a better friend—for his effort, through the Ex-Services Welfare Society, to make decent provision for those suffering from neurasthenia and mental breakdown as the result of the war. A public lunatic asylum is not a fit place for heroes to live in.

Government Departments and Telephones.

We have been looking through the Estimates and find that, although every effort is made to camouflage the figures, much of the loss on the telephone service is due to the extravagant use of it by Government Departments—which during the year 1920-21, had nearly half a million pounds' worth of calls; whilst their postal expenses came to 2½ millions, and telegrams to nearly £200,000. The moribund Ministry of Munitions alone had £37,000 worth of telephone calls. What do you think of it?

Who Were the Donkeys?

Another interesting item is "Supply of Hay for Civil Consumption," for the year 1920-21, £20,000. We must move for a Return giving the names of the official donkeys who consumed it.

India.

Lord Reading will by now have arrived in India, and we hope he will not be dismayed when he realises on the spot the magnitude of the task which confronts him. Our information is that things are about as bad as they can be.

"Look Out, Horatio!"

Under this heading the *Daily Herald* publishes a letter suggesting that "a strong Labour candidate" should be found for South Hackney as a protest against our "attacking Labour." We fancy that candidate would be as difficult to find as—well, as our attacks upon Labour.

The *Deutschland*.

We are now busy completing arrangements for breaking up the famous—or rather infamous—German submarine, *Deutschland*, and the sale by auction of the most interesting portions of its fabric. What price the periscope—which will tell you what people are doing twenty miles away?

Those War Criminals.

On the 28th February last, the Attorney-General stated, in the House of Commons, that he had had special interviews with the legal representatives of Germany, and that it was confidently expected that the trials of the German war criminals would commence "in about a month's time." Well, the 28th of March has come and gone. Has anyone heard of the criminals?

Sermon on the Mount.

Several newspapers—including the *Manchester Guardian*—have taken us to task for twitting the Prime Minister with carrying a copy of the Sermon on the Mount under his helmet when appearing in shining armour before the Germans. Do our contemporaries really think that either the making of War or of Peace can be conducted upon the lines of doing unto your enemy what you would have him do unto you? And what about "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"?

A Silly Canard.

Driven to their wits' end to counteract our political progress, the Labour extremists have been busy once more dishing up the stupid story—first published in the *Daily News*—that, in connection with a lecture we delivered at Swindon some few years ago for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Christmas Fund, we received a sum of £87 12s. as our fee. As a matter of fact, that was the amount paid to the Lecture Agents, out of which they had to disburse the cost of printing and advertising and other things, the balance of a few pounds being handed over to our Christmas Poor Fund.

Official.

When somebody writes a book about red tape it is hereby suggested he should include this lovely story in it. Recently a Scarborough man applied for a job as postman. In reply to his application, he was officially informed that as he had not been three years with the Forces it could not be considered—the fact being that his period of Army service was 2 years 361 days. He is still drawing out-of-work pay.

Mond's Money-Madness.

The climate of Lancashire is worth millions for cotton-spinning. Sir Alfred Mond thinks it must be equally valuable for preserving stationery, because, according to the Oldham Council, he has just paid £185,000 for the Ace Mill property which, so it is said, anybody could have had for £40,000. Why he should pay four-and-a-half times its value for his Stationery Store no man knoweth, but buying this Ace is more like playing the deuce!

Huns on the Job.

Every competent observer is agreed that the Hun is working hard and long and well and cheap, the result being a constantly increasing output of all sorts of goods in the markets of the world. One of our readers in Travancore, Southern India, says Hun goods are back again in the bazaars, beating the Japs right out of the market, while British productions are scarcely seen at all. This, mark you, in one of our own greatest possessions! What is wrong?

Woolwich and Women.

It should be of interest to Captain Gee, the V.C. M.P. for Woolwich, to learn that while a large number of ex-soldiers employed in Woolwich Dockyard as clerks are being discharged, many women are being retained and have recently received an increase of wages by 5s. a week. "Prior to the war," so we are told, "all clerical appointments in the Arsenal were held by men, and it was understood that the employment of women as clerks was only temporary." Doesn't seem on the fair side, if the facts are as stated.

A "Moving" Tale.

Robert Rowse, demobbed after four years' service, got notice to quit the home in which his family had lived for eleven years. To avoid this sort of thing in future he bought a house, but his tenants refused to leave. His late landlady found another for him, and he offered it to his own "limpet" tenants. They agreed to take it, but the landlord refused to accept them, and when the argument waxed loud calmly let it to someone else. A further house being found, the same occurred, so Mr. Rowse moved in himself—only to be informed that it was up for sale "with possession." What a life!

Bending the Twig.

Joseph Cousins, a schoolboy, of Wilstead, stole a loaf from a baker's cart. His mother said that as she was ill in bed, there was none to look after him, and he was hungry. Later, he stole some sweets from a toffee shop. There was, however, a broken pane of glass, which certainly was a temptation. Brought before the Bench they sent him to an industrial school. So the baker with his unminded cart, the toffee-dealer with the broken pane, and also the Bench forgot that they were ever young, and are all contributing to make a criminal in a case where circumstances are obviously extenuating.

Buns and Slavery.

Dispensing cream puffs and jam tarts may be a pleasant occupation, but to start at 7.30 a.m. and finish at 7 p.m. sounds like overdoing a good thing. If it is true, as a correspondent avers, that a girl is expected to put in these hours for twelve shillings a week, the Richmond confectioners who employ her have nothing to learn in the way of getting value for their money. The Richmond public would probably stand a currant or two less in their buns if the girls got a shilling or two more in their purses.

Stained-Glass Tenants.

Margate appears to be following the example of Cleethorpes, upon whose Prussian-like rules for tenants of their municipal houses we commented recently. The old gents who framed Margate's prohibitions shamelessly confess that they got copies of rules from other Councils, picked out all the nice "thou shalt not" bits, and boiled them down to a code which only stained-glass saints could maintain intact. A really original rule prohibits putting beer-bottles down the drain, but they seem to have neglected the possibility of tenants roller-skating on the roof.

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A Slump in Emigration.

We are glad to note that our articles on emigration have had the desired effect. There has been a marked decrease in the number of emigrants recently, and many ships are sailing with very few passengers. Readers are taking our advice. They are not jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire.

Limits to a Joke.

James Frederick Eaves, an old soldier with sixteen years' service, went out again in 1914, and his share of trouble up to 1916 was "nerves" and losing an eye. He did a turn on munitions, and again joined in October, 1918, finishing up in September, 1919. In 1920 he got a job at the Post Office; and, having served last in Germany, a few careless words of his in the Hun tongue started the village wags of Birmingham calling him a "German Spy." Smarting under this treatment, he cut his throat. This is, indeed, a heavy price to pay for a "Brummagem" joke.

The Fatal Fleas.

Through the neglect of its parents, a man and woman named Nicholls, of Wormleighton, a child has been literally bitten to death. "The baby was nothing but a flea walk," said the Coroner at the inquest. "Its whole body was covered with sores created by lice and fleas, as bad as if the child had been attacked and eaten by a tiger." These people obviously regard lice and fleas on a baby much as Josh Billings professed to regard fleas on a dog. We agree with the Coroner that the parents may think themselves fortunate the jury did not return a verdict of manslaughter against them.

There Was a Reason.

The other day the Aldershot Bench set a good example, which we trust will be followed elsewhere. When an application was made for an extended licence for a special function, their only remark was "Granted." But then the extension was for a municipal officers' dinner, at which several members of the Bench were expected to attend. It was one of those circumstances which alter cases!

Earlier Shutters.

If small shopkeepers are anxious to save what remains of their liberties, they will prepare themselves to meet a new effort to be made to give power, among other things, to local authorities "to operate a Closing Order earlier than 7 o'clock when considered advantageous." It is easy to see how such a power would act as a further arbitrary restriction of the means of livelihood of a class of people whose means of livelihood are arbitrarily restricted already

Our Lenient Law.

When Charles Davies, of Kidderminster, was charged with exposing himself to young girls, it was stated that he had been before the Court twenty-three times, including several times for a similar offence. The Chairman regretted that he could not give him more than the maximum penalty of three months' hard labour for each offence, and said that he ought to be put under restraint for the rest of his life. We quite agree, but if the law allowed a flogging in these cases there would be fewer scoundrels about.

All Thoroughbreds.

Though the late Judge Rentoul, of the City of London Court, wasn't everybody's money, he loved a good story, and could tell it. Here is one of many we find in his *Memories*; "Your testimony is very difficult to understand," once said a Judge to a witness. "You should not deal so much in ambiguities." "My Lord," retorted the witness, bridling up, "I denounce the implication. I never owned an ambiguity in my life. All my hosses are thoroughbreds."

The "Labourless" Ministry.

Nobody expects the Ministry of Labour to find jobs when none are vacant, or to suit applicants with fancy qualifications, but a correspondent, who is an A.M.I.M.E. and A.I.E.E., and willing to take any engineering position, should surely have been offered chances other than commercial travelling and a job as a "moulder," after being on the books since 1919! In response to all his appeals, he is told to "keep in touch." If he can wait till July, they may possibly work him in as a foreman snow-shoveller.

Coddling Criminals.

An almost incapable old man of 80, John Neal, lived alone in his cottage at Burrowmoor, March. Two hulking brutes, George Harris and George Green, tricked the old chap into admitting them, and handling him very roughly, went through his pockets. Disappointed at the small amount found, they proceeded to injure him, but while slowly strangling him, to extract more plunder, they were captured. The Magistrates, in awarding them "three months' hard," actually declared that, as Neal was so old, they would not send the case for trial! If he had been a hundred, the blackguards might have got a trifle from the poor-box!

A Croydon Conundrum.

The Croydon Local War Pensions Committee recently advertised a vacancy for a temporary Secretary, at £400. An ex-officer wrote for particulars, and obtained a form, which, however, he destroyed, having decided not to apply for the post. Nevertheless he eventually received a polite and regretful intimation that his application "had been before the Committee," but was not accepted. He would now like to know by what occult process a non-existent application could have been "considered," or whether the advertisement was a mere farce. It's certainly a conundrum.

Warriors' Sunday.

Many narrow-minded bigots on the Magisterial bench throughout the country turned down Sunday cinema shows proposed to assist Lord Haig's Warrior Fund. Aberdeen's Cinema Sunday had to be called off for another reason. "Owing to the Aberdeen operators refusing to work gratuitously in the cause of charity," so runs a local advertisement, "these entertainments cannot now be held." Everybody else concerned in the shows gladly volunteered their service. The Aberdeen Electrical Trades Union have very thoroughly disgraced themselves.

The Curse of Monthly Payments.

A large number of ex-Service men have been training, as temporary civil servants, for permanent posts, and a great many, having qualified by recent examination, are expecting during the next few weeks to take up settled appointments in the service of the State. Hitherto, they have received their pay weekly. As permanent civil servants they will be paid their wages monthly. Cannot the weekly system be continued? Many of these men, otherwise, will be faced with a month without money, and some, we fear, will be forced into the clutches of the money-lender. They should be protected against this necessity.

The Workers' Union.

As a matter of curiosity, is this a one-man show run by Mr. Charles Duncan, J.P., the rejected of the Wrekin? He admittedly is the "General Secretary," and the registered office of the Union is adjacent to his own private residence. Mr. Duncan is certainly in a position to answer complaints made to us by members of the Union that the levies are too often and the benefits too changeful by a lot. Some of those who are paying the piper ask us to ascertain "whether the Union will again alter to their disadvantage the benefits to be paid." Mr. Duncan asserts that the Government owe his Union over £28,000. Anybody got the audited accounts?

Birtley's Ballot.

"There is nae luck about the hoose, there is nae luck at a," wrote one Mickle in days agone. This certainly doesn't apply to the hutments formerly occupied by the Belgians at Elizabethville, Birtley. Anybody who desires one of these huts has to put down his, or her, name on a list of applicants. It is not, however, a case of first chance to ex-soldiers, or to war-widows with children, or to people nearest the stars or the coal-cellar, or to those having nowhere to lay their heads except the workhouse; not at all. A ballot is drawn as a hutment becomes available, and the one who is lucky in the draw gets it. The ballot is fair enough; the method isn't.

Our Latest "Hoarding."

From a gunner in the Waziristan (India) Field Force we have received a photograph illustrating a copy of JOHN BULL being advertised on a field gun of a pack battery. "Sir," says the sender, "we are Old Contemptibles who have been on Frontier service in India. We were not allowed to come into the Great War, but in India we are often in little ones, and that's how we keep the flag flying." Long may it wave.

The Land of the Free.

American propagandists are amusing until they come over and try to reform us. The latest example of crankism comes from Salt Lake City, where a Bill has been brought in prohibiting women wearing shoes with heels higher than 1½ inches. For breaking the law they can be fined £100 for the first offence and £200 and a year's imprisonment for any additional "crimes." And they call the United States the Land of Liberty!

"When My Guidman's Awa'."

A resident at Woking voices a complaint regarding an insurance firm out Southwark way. While he is away at work, agents call and pester the wife with various propositions for fire and accident assurance, all of which he promptly turns down on returning home. So far he has been unable to catch them at it, but he advises fellow-sufferers that the canvassers will stop talking quicker, and call less often, if the wife produces a copy of JOHN BULL's Free Scheme for comparison!

Combing Them Out.

The occupier of a house in Lingwood Road, Clapton Common, has four rooms to let, but it is harder to get into them than into Paradise. He bars children to start with. Writing on official Government paper, he graciously intimates that he has selected three deserving cases from a hundred, but the price of admission to his mansion includes £17 5s. for linoleum and gas meters, and the tenant must go easy with the bath, keep out of the garden, and do no washing. If references are satisfactory, he will weigh your claims with three others, and perhaps take you!

Barbarous.

It is almost unbelievable, but it is a fact that in this Christian country, in the Year of Our Lord 1921, we still slaughter animals for food in front of each other. While on duty, a few days ago, a police-constable visited a slaughter-house in the City. He there saw a row of bullocks, standing together at close quarters, watching their companions being slaughtered before their eyes. Sickened with the horror of it, the policeman returned to his headquarters in the belief that he had only to report the matter to have the slaughtermen punished. He found, however, that the applicable Act, while prohibiting horses from being slaughtered in such circumstances in a knackers' yard, does not mention sheep, bullocks, or other animals. Of course, Parliament is too busy to trouble itself about cruelty to animals.

"Bullets" Big Three.

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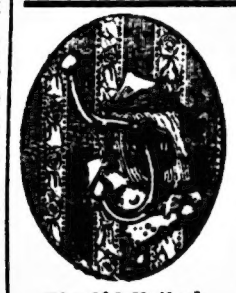

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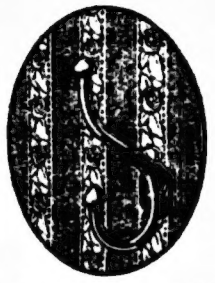

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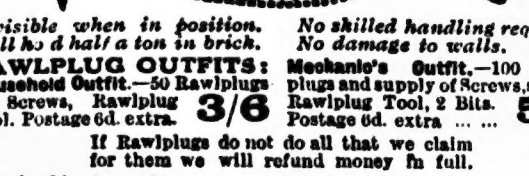

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DROP THE "C" OUT OF Y.M.C.A.

TAINT OF HYPOCRISY SPOILING THE WORK OF A BENEFICENT INSTITUTION.

By W. CHARLES PILLEY (*Assistant Editor*).

IT is not my purpose to attack the Y.M.C.A. or to cast any doubt upon the excellent work carried out by the Association during the strenuous years of war. Like all human institutions it is fallible, of course, and in some directions there has been room for criticism; but in the main the work of the Y.M.C.A. has been of great social and moral value, and there are many thousands of men in all parts of the country who have reason to appreciate its efforts. It is, therefore, in no spirit of hostility that I call attention to a phase of the Association's position which merits the notice of all who care for the principles of common honesty. We will concede at once that the Y.M.C.A. renders public services of no small value, that the moral tone of its activities is beyond reproach, that it caters abundantly for legitimate social needs. But is it in any real sense a "Christian" institution? Has it any genuine title to use a name held sacred by a large section of the population? Such questions are not to be dismissed as of merely academic interest. They touch the root principles of sincerity and good faith upon which we pride ourselves as a nation, and in the case of an institution like the Y.M.C.A., which makes huge claims upon the generosity of the public, there ought not to be the faintest suspicion of hypocrisy. Briefly, let us examine the facts.

A Miracle of Growth.

Until the outbreak of war the Y.M.C.A. was not widely known outside religious circles. It was regarded by the public generally as a rather priggish institution, catering mainly for youths of the "goody-goody" type who lacked the instinct or the opportunity for more robust forms of enjoyment. Then came the miracle. In the early months of the war it occurred to the astute minds of the Y.M.C.A. officials that, with the transport of great armies overseas and the massing of men in billets and camps at home, an excellent opportunity was offered to the Association to increase its activities and exalt itself in the eyes of the nation. At the same time, it was realised that if the Association was to extend its scope and attract men of all classes, with no visible taste for the prayer meetings and "Gospel services" that had hitherto been the staple fare, there must be a radical change of method, and before long the fast multiplying Y.M.C.A. huts in this country and abroad were centres of wholesome gaiety, contrasting strangely with the pious gloom that had till then been the keynote of the Y.M.C.A.

Wiser Methods.

Bit by bit, as opportunity served, the whole movement was "secularised," until to-day scarcely a trace of the prim "Christianity" of other days remains. Whether it be in London or in the provinces or in the many excellent Y.M.C.A. centres established among the Armies of Occupation on the Rhine, the prevailing note is one of secular amusement and material comfort, with scarcely a hint of the religious traditions kept alive by the third of the familiar Y.M.C.A. initials. Personally, as I hope I need hardly say, I am disposed to think that the change is decidedly for the better. The smug religiosity of the Y.M.C.A. in its early days would never have appealed to more than a fraction of the men who served with the Colours, and if the leaders of the Association had not had the wisdom to concentrate upon the social and recreative side of their work they certainly would never have succeeded in making its name a household word throughout the Empire. For, as Kipling reminded us, "Single men in barracks do not grow to plaster saints," and a similar human reflection applies to the thousands of brave lads who crowded the camps of this country or awaited the dread ordeal of battle behind the lines in France. The same is true to-day of the Armies on the Rhine. Not one per cent. of these men could be attracted by the milk-and-water blandishments that satisfied the early adherents of the Y.M.C.A., but cinematograph shows, whist drives, and billiard handicaps are another thing. That such innocent amusements should be provided without stint is a matter for deep satisfaction to all who have the interests of the Army at heart, and it is to be hoped that the funds needful for such purposes will continue to fall into the coffers of the Y.M.C.A. Still, I dislike the word "Christian" in such a connection. It savours too much of cant. Why is it retained? Because it represents the historic tradition of a movement that originated in exclusive Nonconformist circles and was primarily intended to fulfil an "evangelistic" purpose. The Y.M.C.A. was founded, not to cater for men's bodily comfort, but, in the old phrase, to "save their souls," and it is this aspect of the Association's work that bulks largely in the minds of its chief financial supporters. Doubtless, as they write their cheques, they conjure up fond pictures of young men in the great cities and soldiers on the Rhine crowding to devotional services of the old fashioned type, and lending an attentive ear to the chaste admonitions of the Y.M.C.A. missioners. Their contributions might be less generous if they knew that the "services" upon which they set such store had given place to cinematograph displays, garnished with a hymn or two, or variety entertainments opened and closed with prayer.

The Cash Nexus.

Indeed, it can hardly be doubted that it is out of deference to its old-fashioned subscribers that the Association continues to give prominence in its advertisements and leaflets to a side of its work that under the pressure of modern conditions is fast receding into insignificance. Yet I am convinced that the policy is a mistaken one. It would be better from every point of view if the officials would come before the public with a plain and unvarnished statement of their aims and policy, admitting the failure of the old-fashioned methods and basing their claim to financial support upon grounds of moral utility and social service. The work of the Y.M.C.A. is far too valuable to be spoilt by insincere professions, while the disappearance of the word "Christian," no longer justly applicable, would not offend the susceptibilities of any whose religion is worth the name.

BEATING THE BOOK.

UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS FOR INVESTORS.

W. Henries, who is W. Henries & Co., 31, Charing Cross, S.W., is a philanthropist who offers to invest capital for such clients as find their money burning their breeches. He "anticipates paying £10 per week for every £100 invested"—a paltry 520 per cent. per annum, "Investors cannot increase capital without consent," his safe being presumably on the small side. "All business by post—no callers," is another maxim, the letter-box probably consuming all available space. He also accepts "not less than £50" for investment, but thriftily stipulates for stamped envelopes for replies. To simple souls, who write asking if their capital is safe, he states that he is merely manipulating money to show a profit each week. In another screed, however, he complains that so many people are sending so much money, that he finds it impossible to invest it, and that he must reduce dividends to 260 per cent. Well, the "flat" season recently commenced, and someone from Pontardawe sent £50 for investment. Most people like quick results, and this Welshman got his. He sent his £50 on March 7th and received £10 on the 10th—together with a notice that W. Henries & Company had been "compelled to suspend payment, owing to heavy losses." Searching inquiry must be made into the whole matter.

A MODERN JOB.

WAITING FOR WAGES ALREADY EARNED.

George Hewson looks back to his pre-war job as a dairy-man, at £2 a week, as a state of bliss for which he would now give his ears! He and his boss were sent to France and the dairy business "went west." Since demobilization, till last June, he, his wife and four children, lived on the "dole," unable to find work. After that finished, odd jobs and selling the home kept them alive till recently, when the worry drove Hewson out of his mind, and he wandered for days till he came to his senses in Portsmouth Infirmary. For a fortnight the Eastney Guardians allowed his wife and four babies the magnificent sum of 13s. a week and a quart of milk daily! Now the 13s. weekly has stopped, but the quart of milk per day is to be continued. The landlord usually pays rates and taxes, but getting no rent, he has passed on the demand for taxes, payment being expected within ten days. The one gleam of hope now is a promised job for the man in the dockyard, but it appears that such work is paid on peculiar lines. Two weeks are completed before any pay is received, and then one week is kept in hand, but cannot the Dockyard authorities stretch a point in the miserable position in which this poor fellow finds himself, and let him have a few shillings a day? They certainly ought to.

A SQUARE DEAL.

THE ALL-ROUND VALUE OF A STRAIGHT LINE.

We have no desire to contract the habit of self-praise, but feel justified in mentioning that we lately received an appreciative letter from Messrs. S. A. Barry & Co., of 16, City Road, London, E.C., enclosing a post-card from Mr. E. Newbown, of Inverkeithing, couched in the following terms:

> Received suit and coat, Sat.; highly satisfied. Lovely fit. Will tell others about same. One can trust John Bull's adverts. That's the reason we tried you.

Realising our responsibility, we have made it a rule to admit to our pages only such advertisements as we have reason to believe are trustworthy. By adhering to this rule we have, perhaps, suffered no little financial loss. Week after week we "turn down" advertisements to the monetary value of £1,000 or more—for the reason that we could not conscientiously recommend those firms who seek in vain the unique publicity which our advertisement pages afford. Happily, the success of this journal enables us to resist the temptations set before us by doubtful and unscrupulous advertisers. Insisting, as we do, on "all round value," and "a square guarantee for a straight line," John Bull is, perhaps, the most valuable medium for straightforward advertisers that exists to-day.

A SHORN SHEPHERD.

"PASSING RICH" ON TWO POUNDS A WEEK.

When the late W. T. Stead wrote his famous book "If Christ Came to Chicago," he drew, amongst other graphic and scathing criticisms, a vivid picture of modern religious hypocrisy. Had he lived to this day he would have had no need to seek so far for an illustration of this vilest of vices. He would have found food for his burning indignation in the little village of Felindre, in Radnorshire—a hamlet in the Welsh hills, provided with a Welsh Baptist Church, to which are attached, for pastoral purposes, two little chapels several miles distant, at the villages of Tyndole and Cwmwyn. The ministry of these three chapels has been in the charge of a young Scots pastor or some time past. This worthy and patriotic minister served four years in the war, and on demobilisation married, and accepted a call to the three chapels we have mentioned. His stipend from the first was rather less than £2 a week, for occasionally he found it necessary to employ a brother minister to preach for him, and he had, moreover, the expense of clearing his little garden, which he found out of cultivation.

IN DIREST NEED.

With the coming of last December he expected the advent of his first-born; and, realising the financial cost of the dreaded yet desired event, discovered to his dismay that his resources were inadequate to meet the charges that would be entailed. There were the doctor's and nurse's fees to be provided for, as well as countless incidental expenses which arise at such times. Painfully aware that his miserable pittance of £2 a week was insufficient to discharge these anticipated obligations, he succumbed to the wiles of a London money-lender, and borrowed £20, giving security for £35, and undertaking to repay that sum by quarterly instalments of £3 10s. each. He met, somehow, the first quarter's call upon his impoverished purse; but, failing to remit the second instalment on the date agreed, he was served with a writ, and notwithstanding the fact that by virtue of an extraordinary effort he raised the sum of £10 and forwarded it to the money-lender, the latter refused to stay the legal action he had begun. Consequently, Mr. Philip Davies, a well-known auctioneer of Presteign, received instructions, under the Sheriff's execution, to sell off the goods and chattels of the embarrassed minister.

A FRIEND INDEED.

Mr. Davies, a member of the Herefordshire County Council and a man of affairs in many other connections, proved also to be a man of large-hearted sympathies. Moved by the distressing nature of his task he delayed the sale for several hours, in the hope that even at the last minute something might occur to render it unnecessary. Then, in his own words, he was "most reluctantly compelled . . . to sell the goods and chattels to a well-wisher . . . who promised to retain them until all hope of redemption had gone." So impressed was he with the pathetic character of the case that he wrote a letter descriptive of it to the local Press, concluding with the hope that "no other comrade of four years' service finds himself in a similar position" to that of the needy pastor. For our own part we would say, with the strongest emphasis, that the minister should never have been reduced to such a pass. The spiritual shepherd of three bodies of Welsh Baptists, he had at least the right to look to them for an adequate reward for his labours amongst them. "The labourer is worthy of his hire," says Holy Writ; and professed Christians who are willing spiritually to batten on their pastor, and insult him with a pittance that a scavenger would scorn, can surely be placed in no other category than that of hypocrites.

SLOW BUT NOT SURE.

BAD METHODS ADOPTED BY OFFICIALS.

From time to time the Civil Liabilities Department undoubtedly has a difficult task in the making of grants to re-establish men who lost their business through the war. It is not always easy to divide the sheep from the goats in these matters, for no doubt there are many fraudulent applications for assistance. We are, however, surprised to see that they refused to help a Beckenham man, who was a wholesale butcher at Smithfield before the war, on the ground that if they gave him any assistance, the money would be seized by creditors, whose total claim amounted to £80. The Department had no evidence at all that these people would foreclose on a man who wanted to make a fresh start in business, and so far as we can see such an assumption was totally unfounded. The butcher had the offer of another business, and there seemed to be a chance to make good, if he secured the help that the Civil Liabilities Department was instituted to provide! As the final refusal to award the grant was received fourteen months after the first application, the Department's methods seem doubly at fault.

OH, STANLEY, OH!

FIRM EMPLOYS POLICE AS INQUIRY AGENTS.

Stanleys (Stratford) Limited recently appointed a disabled ex-Service man as their agent at a small place not far from Weston-super-Mare. He was persuaded to accept a consignment of lamps, which were to be paid for as and when he sold them; but apparently because he did not dispose of them, fifty in all, within a fortnight, the firm, without any direct communication to the agent himself, asked the local police to look into the matter! When the agent complained he received a letter, the equal of which we have never seen from any reputable business firm. "It is impossible for us to come down to Weston to visit you," wrote Mr. T. Stanley, one of the directors, "and we, therefore, had to do the next best thing, the same as our customers do to us when they don't get supplies—*i.e.*, call in the assistance of the only authority available—namely, the local constabulary. There is nothing dishonourable in this, and you are exciting yourself about nothing." What will the police say, we wonder, when they find that they are being used as private inquiry agents for a firm which apparently seeks to employ them to save the expense of a travelling inspector?

PINCHING THE PENSIONS.

PROVISIONS OF THE ACT EVADED.

The old-age pension farce continues. All sorts of pretexts are sought in order to deprive old people of the right to live the remainder of their lives outside the Poor Law institutions. Officials seem to have only one idea—to reduce the number of pensions, although they know that the stopping of the paltry 10s. per week will throw the whole cost of the maintenance of the aged people concerned on to the rates. At Exeter an old woman of 83, who had nothing but her pension, was living in an institution known as the Ernsborough House—a home for aged persons who required, but were without the means to provide, nursing for themselves. The difference between the amount of her old-age pension and the cost of her maintenance there—some 17s. 6d. per week—was provided by a few friends. The Pension officials discovered this, and have told her that by accepting such help she forfeited her pension. As a result, the old woman will be compelled to go into the Workhouse Infirmary! If this is how the Pensions Act is being operated, the whole thing had better be repealed. By doing so not only would the 10s. a week be saved but the salaries of the officials as well.

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Almost miraculous have been some of the benefits derived from "Urillac"—often, too, in the case of those who had utterly despaired of relief or cure. Crutches and sticks have been discarded with joy and gratitude. Crippled hands and arms have been made fit for work and play once more. Others who have tried this, that and other treatments in vain are to-day rejoicing in their freedom from stiffness, soreness, aches and pains.

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FOOTBALL SPOIL-SPORTS.

ASSOCIATION METHODS OUTRAGE THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME.

WE are determined that the general public shall no longer remain in ignorance of the methods pursued by the Football Association, and the utter selfishness that marks and mars its proceedings. In a previous article we dealt with the Association from certain financial aspects—giving, for example, specific instances of the entirely unjustifiable impost it levies on affiliated clubs. It is now our intention to deal with it from a wider and more general point of view. Sport plays such an enormously important part in our national life, is such an integral element of our modern civilization, that any organization controlling a particular section of it should be imbued with the spirit of sportsmanship in the truest sense of the word. We are sorry to say that this cannot be said for the powerful Association that governs the most popular of our outdoor games. Sportsmanship includes, among other virtues, charity—and the follower of football responds generously, as far as his means will permit, to all worthy appeals. In this regard, the Football Association does not "play up" to the supporters of the game. It is, for example, a discreditable, and scarcely believable, fact that the Association has done absolutely nothing for "Warriors' Day," notwithstanding that a large proportion of the affiliated clubs were prepared, and eager, to do all they possibly could for that splendid object—the relief of the needs of the men who fought. They were deterred from seeking the Association's sanction by the knowledge of the vexatious delays that follow such applications.

Cold Ear for Charity.

One explanation of this indifference to the call of charity may be found in the anomalous constitution of the Football Association, which has long militated against the best interests of sport. Owing to the peculiarities of its organisation, the national game, under the Association's auspices, has contributed less than any other sport to Field-Marshal Haig's Fund, a statement that no lover of the sport will read without indignation. Meanwhile, what is the Football Association doing with the enormous revenue which, as we have shown in a previous article, it exacts from the affiliated clubs without the least justification? True, it pays the expenses of players selected to take part in representative games organized by the Association, but even in doing this it displays a parsimonious spirit more suited to a modern Shylock than a junta of presumed sportsmen. Here are a couple of examples. A famous International player was selected for a recent representative game. He fell sick, but made an appearance on the day of the match to report his condition. He was substituted by one of the reserves; and when it came to a settlement on account of his disbursements, the representative of the F.A. Council said: "You have had to pay only a couple of bus fares; two-and-six will cover your expenses." This paltry sum was accepted, but we have very good reason to believe that the famous "International" so insulted is very unlikely to play in any further representative matches arranged by the Association.

Parsimony to Players.

On the same occasion, another player was brought from the extreme North. On being asked what was the amount of his expenses, he replied casually: "Oh, well, say four pounds." The same "Councillor," instead of accepting an obviously reasonable charge, took the trouble to consult the railway time-table, wherein he discovered, to his indignation, that the fare was only £3 16s. 5d., showing a difference of 3s. 7d., which the player had had the audacity to attempt to extract from the Association funds to cover the cost of his taxi! In contradistinction to the foregoing, the members of the Association do not appear to grudge themselves and one another expenses on a much more liberal scale. It would, indeed, be extremely interesting to know exactly how much the Councillors have been paid in the way of expenses during and since the war. Such payments, we have grave grounds for saying, have been almost incredibly extravagant. Dealing only with the current season—now nearing its close—we find that almost all the meetings of the Association have been held in London on the same day as those of the Football League, arousing the suspicion—that only a detailed balance-sheet could lull—that Councillors attending receive double expenses for a single visit to town. There are, we understand, approximately throughout the country 60 members of the Council of the Association. So large a body of Councillors, or even a fair proportion of them, cannot be brought to London without incurring very heavy, and in many instances entirely unnecessary, expense. Time after time, the business they are summoned to transact is of the most trivial character, not for one moment requiring the personal attendance of men living, in some cases, hundreds of miles distant. But the funds of the Association must be expended. This, no doubt, is why the Summer meetings of the Council and Consultative Committee are arranged to be held at various seaside resorts. For example, we are informed that "it was decided to hold the Summer meeting of the Council on Saturday, July 2, at either Eastbourne or Folkestone." Why at either of those fashionable and by no means inexpensive resorts? Neither of them looms large in the football world. As a matter of fact, they are both almost negligible so far as first-class professional football goes. But they are very agreeable places to visit.

"Beside the Seaside."

It is not simply that we begrudge the weary, toil-worn Councillors of the Football Association, exhausted by their unselfish labours on behalf of our premier sport, an opportunity to sit for a while beside the sea at the expense of the funds of the Association. But we would ask them to be consistent. We charge the F.A. with a callous disregard of the claims of charity; we charge it with an arbitrary exaction of an unfairly high percentage of the "gates" of affiliated clubs; and we charge it with a policy of extravagant expenditure on the part and on behalf of the Members of the Council, when by exercising a reasonable economy it would immensely lighten the costs of professional teams, and provide cheaper entertainment for a sport-loving people.

PESTILENTIAL PROPAGANDA.

MISCHIEVOUS "MESSAGE" TO GERMANY.

There is a curious association at Bryn Corach, Conway, known as the "Holiday Fellowship," apparently established for the purpose of exchanging hospitality with the Huns. Arrangements were in progress for certain members to visit Frankfort next summer, but, in consequence of the decisions of the London Conference on Reparations, and "on the advice of local German friends," the plan was postponed. Some person, however, named T. Arthur Leonard—presumably an official of this precious "Fellowship"—desired to send "a message of sympathy to the little group of friends at Frankfort," and to that end issued a manifesto inviting signatures to the following "Resolution":

> We, the undersigned, desire to express our good will to German friends, and our abhorrence at the unjust, and, we fear, disastrous action of the Allies in pressing impossible claims on Germany, and believe that the whole question of indemnities as to what Germany can pay, and what the Allies can afford to receive, should be referred to an expert Commission, to be appointed by the League of Nations, or failing that, to the arbitration of America.

Considering its origin, the ridiculous "resolution" might be treated with contempt but for the fact that, if it be permitted to go to Germany, it will undoubtedly be exploited there as an expression of British opinion and amity, and therefore prove most mischievous.

A MANX TALE.

SEVERE SENTENCE FOR BRILLIANT SOLDIER.

Although there was not sufficient evidence upon which to hang a Manx cat, the Lieutenant-Governor and Deemsters Moore and Callow, at the Isle of Man Court, passed sentence of six months' imprisonment on a young man who rose from a carter's boy to be a Captain and Acting Major. The prisoner, Thomas William Nelson, was charged (1) with breaking into a shop and committing larceny, and (2) breaking into a shop with intent to steal, and, in fact, stealing 48 pairs of socks. His explanation was that he bought the socks from a man in the street for 20s., but that he was too drunk to remember anything more. It was not disputed that he was drunk. The prosecution alleged that Nelson smashed a window, took out the jagged glass, and climbed through a comparatively small hole to get into the warehouse, without cutting his hands! The jury returned a verdict that Nelson was "not guilty of breaking and entering, but of being in possession of the socks." This was not a verdict of guilty on the charges for which the man was tried, although it was interpreted as such by the Judges who ignored the recommendation to mercy made by the jury on account of the prisoner's brilliant army career, and passed the savage sentence of six months for an offence for which Nelson was not tried! The whole Island resents the occurrence, and we are very far from being surprised.

"TOSS-UP" DECISIONS.

PARALYSED MAN'S EXTRAORDINARY TREATMENT.

Louis Wickens enlisted on 12th November, 1914, and the medical examination showed "Physical Development—Good." On the 18th May, 1915, he was passed medically fit for foreign service. His pre-war employers stating that when with them his general health was fair. So there is no question but that at the commencement of his war service he had practically nothing wrong with his health. On 12th October, 1917, he was admitted to hospital in Birmingham, suffering from a gun-shot wound in left ear, and was detained there 48 days. On demobilisation, on the 20th February, 1919, he signed a statement that he did not claim to be suffering from any disability due to military service, but in September, 1919, he developed left hemiplegia and suffered paralytic seizure down that side. On 27th February, 1920, a temporary disability pension on the grounds of incapacity from left hemiplegia was granted. This clearly showed that his sickness was recognised as resulting from military service—or why was anything granted to him? When the pension ceased last December, however, renewal was refused, as "disability was neither due to, nor aggravated by, Military Service"! A healthy man in 1915, left-ear wound 1917, paralysed left side 1919, seems a fairly obvious case—unless the Pensions Committee tossed up, "pension or no pension," and the poor devil lost.

DUE TO PELMANISM

EX-OFFICER SECURES RISE OF £900 A YEAR IN 15 MONTHS.

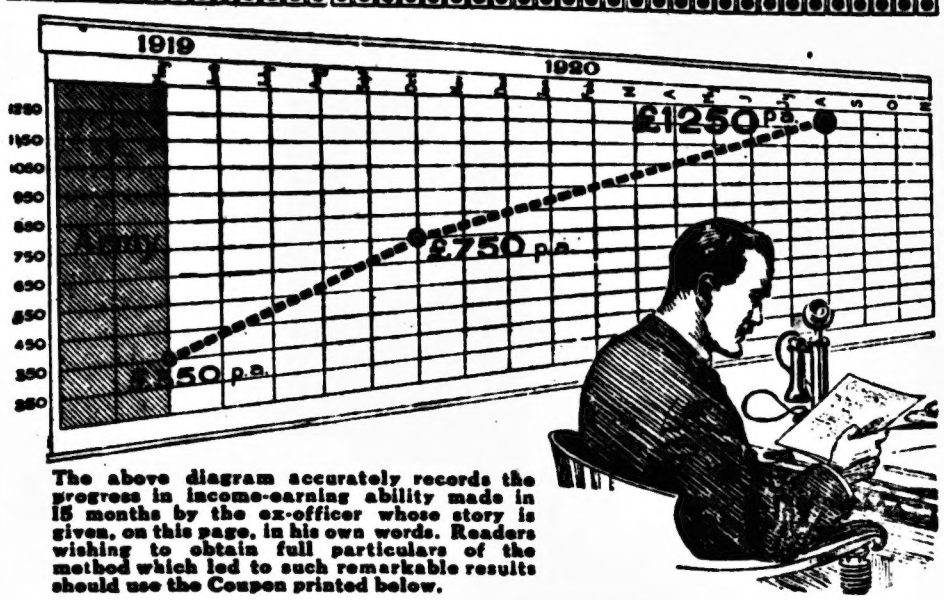
REMARKABLE LETTERS.

MOST remarkable business successes have recently been secured by Pelmanists.

They have not only been secured by Pelmanists, but they have been secured *because of Pelmanism*.

The writers of the reports printed on this page state that it is owing to Pelmanism that they have been able to secure the successes they describe.

Here, for example, is the statement of an ex-officer whose "15-months' progress" from £350 to £1,250 a year, is illustrated by the adjoining diagram. This is what he says:—



The above diagram accurately records the progress in income-earning ability made in 15 months by the ex-officer whose story is given, on this page, in his own words. Readers wishing to obtain full particulars of the method which led to such remarkable results should use the Coupon printed below.

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"I am neither barrister nor lawyer, admiral nor politician. I am just a plain average citizen, with the average amount of common-sense—perhaps that is why my story will appeal the more to the bulk of this paper's readers.

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"I knew of 'Pelmanism' in those days—who, in France, didn't? My dug-out mate was a keen Pelmanist, and spend hours over the 'little grey books.' After three doses of your Pelmanism I am now a General,' that was my feeling regarding Pelmanism; I scoffed at it. 'There must be something in it,' I thought, 'but they claim too much.'

"Anyway, the day came when George rather carelessly 'took a packet.' After cursing him for his good luck, and packing his kit, I sent him down the line and returned to my dug-out to magnificent solitude.

"It was some days later, searching for something—anything—to read, I came across George's Pelman books. I read, lightly at first, but gradually my interest grew. My mind was carried back to the 'Varsity days when I revelled in the old psychologists. Here they were again, but oh! so changed. Their dreamland fancies, their ethereal wanderings—but chained down to hard bed-rock common-sense. It was as a butterfly transformed to an aeroplane, a fairy tale to an adding machine.

"From that on I studied keenly. No right to do so, I suppose. Perhaps I ought to have been numbered among the Forty Thieves, or even promoted quartermaster. Anyhow, if I got Pelmanism 'on the cheap' that has not discounted its effect.

The Will to Get On.

"That period of study made a change in me—a change not easy to define. Put bluntly, it gave me the 'grit' to prepare for civil life. I knew the war was finishing. I knew I should have to return to civil work—what, I didn't know, and till then I hadn't much cared. But Pelmanism aroused in me an inordinate ambition to get on; it gathered together my scattered mind, which had been wandering uncontrolled among the shell holes.

"It was months later before I finally cast off the shackles of militarism, but I came out with the Pelman spirit, the Pelman intent, and the 'push' which one gains with self-confidence.

"My record since that time—about fifteen months ago—is shown above. I have given the Pelman people a guarantee that it is not in the slightest exaggerated.

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Curing Inertia.

The foregoing case is only one out of many. Dr. Bernard Hollander has recently stated that certain ex-Service men, on their return to civil life, have found that they are no longer fit to take on their old work.

> "Their condition," he says, "is due partly to mental inertia from lack of brain work while on service, partly to the breaking up of habits of industry, and partly to the lack of opportunity to rely on their own resources, being cared for by the Army machinery."

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"A little over 100 per cent. increase in income."

An Ex-Captain writes:

"Secured a net increase of salary of 400 per cent."

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

(This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.)

To the Right Hon. F. G. Kellaway, M.P., Postmaster General, Lond n.

Dear P.M.G.,—After congratulating you upon your new appointment, I want to say that the postmarks in general use in this country are an affront and aggravation to the public and a thorough discredit to the British Post Office. In no country in the world are they so shamefully illegible as in our own. If the defect is in the appliances, for mercy's sake scrap them and install more up-to-date ones; if it is in the neglect or inefficiency of the men who work them, I advise you to put the fear of judgment into the hearts of the sinners. As things are allowed to go now, it gets my wool. John Bull.

To J. Johnstone Jervis, Esq., Medical Officer of Health, Leeds.

Sir,—I hope you are now sitting up and taking nourishment after the awful shock to your system caused by your recent outburst of generosity. The Leeds Central Tuberculosis Dispensary needs a dispenser, and while you are at it, you mean to have a good one, and hang the expense. Candidates, it is stated, must have Apothecaries Hall or Pharmaceutical Society qualifications, and the salary offered is £130! If any qualified chemist, male or female, accepts this 50s. a week job, the "three recent testimonials" you require will surely be certificates of good conduct while in Colney Hatch!

John Bull.

To Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, Aldwick, Bognor.

My Dear Lady,—I am sure I don't know what things are coming to if a mere duchess is to be allowed to defy the Rate Collector. It can't be allowed, madam; and I note that in your inauspicious case you have been prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law, with the result that you have been ordered to pay up in fourteen days. It is not for me to say what will happen to you if you don't. The Collector may sell up your grand piano or even lay violent hands on your coronet, so you can see for yourself that when he calls for cash it is no use arguing about the bill or pretending you haven't any money. I perceive that when he handed you the Demand Notes you threw them back at him. As if *he* could help it, poor thing! A lady should always do the nastiest things in the nicest way. Now if you had gone and pulled the hair of the Borough Council—but perhaps I had better leave it there. John Bull.

To A. C. Pain, Esq., C.A., Farnham.

Sir,—You occupied the magisterial chair on the occasion when a young servant girl of 19 was accused of stealing 26s. from a cash-box at a Farnham club. There was no evidence to show that she was incorrigible or habitually dishonest, but having taken these few shillings in a weak moment she pleaded guilty, and did not attempt to brazen out the offence. Yet your Bench awarded her three months with hard labour, thus making a gaol-bird of a girl whom a severe lecture and a little mercy might have kept on the straight path. Your cold-blooded action will meet with the contempt of any thinking person. John Bull.

To the Rt. Rev. A. G. Rawstorne, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Whalley, Croston Rectory, Preston.

Dear Bishop,—Information reaches me that you have declined to permit the erection of a wooden cross at the grave of the late Sergeant R. Miller, who died on his way home for demobilisation after nearly three years' active service in Mesopotamia. I understand the objection you take is that to allow the erection of a wooden cross would be to create a precedent. Does precedent matter so very much in such a case? I admit the military authorities would show more respect to the memory of the dead if they paid for a headstone, but the man's mother is quite unable to do so. Is, therefore, the poor fellow to lie unknown in his last rest in the soil of his country, for which he fought the good fight until the end? Think about it again, will you, Bishop? John Bull.

To George Porter, late Labour Exchange Official, Sunderland.

Meanest of Men,—It is not my practice to hit a man when he's down, but I cannot refrain from expressing my abhorrence of the contemptible crimes of which you have been guilty. An official at the local Labour Exchange, drawing what, even in these days, is the excellent salary of £396 a year, you nevertheless robbed starving men of their pitiable dole of 10s. and forged their signatures to the receipt coupons. You were convicted on two such thefts only, but five more were traced, and how many are untraced? In sentencing you to two months' imprisonment in the Second Division, Aldermen Gibson, Turnbull and Swan exhibited extraordinary leniency. If one of the poor chaps whom you have been robbing had stolen food for his starving children, I bet he'd have been given at least six months' "hard"!

John Bull.

To Charles Love, 33, Ambleside Road, Willesden, London.

Savage Brute,—To call you anything better would be disrespectful to people who know how to treat animals with humane consideration. You were charged with cruelty to your wife's dog by kicking it to death. The poor little thing was heard yelping by a woman, who told you that you "ought not to be called a man," and also threatened to horsewhip you. Coward as you are, you replied, "If you give me away I'll bash your face in," well knowing that you were not dealing with an equal of your own sex. The punishment you received was forty shillings and costs, but I should like to have added something that would have made you do a little yelping as well. John Bull.

To Alderman Sir David Burnett, Guildhall, London.

Dear Sir David,—You had better see a doctor. I am thinking of the printer's labourer, Orbell, brought to your judgment seat for non-payment of £1 8s. 11d. Income Tax. The man was only in casual work, averaging a few shillings a week wages. When he was employed he paid off debts he had contracted while out of work. "You paid your debts," was your retort, "but you did not pay the most important of all—the Government debt, which comes first"; and you then awarded him twenty-one days' imprisonment, unless the amount was paid next morning. You ought to have given the poor beggar a little time to pay in instalments. John Bull.

To G. H. Bowen, Esq., Chairman of Petty Sessions, Linton, Cambs.

Mr. Chairman,—In a case in which an application was made for the possession of a house in the occupancy of a man named Willis, his wife, a son 18 years of age, and two adopted children, I notice you adjourned the application for a month, making the remarkable suggestion that the adopted children, whom you described as a luxury, could be got rid of, and then the alternative accommodation offered would be adequate. The Rev. Canon Thornton, who was one of your colleagues on the Bench, apparently made no sort of protest against the suggestion; indeed, I suppose it must be regarded as an order. Have you considered how this man is to get rid of the children? Is it your idea that he should leave them on a doorstep, or throw them on the rates? I should be interested to know. John Bull.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

Say *au revoir* and not good-bye,"
Cries George and checks his tears,
Because he knows he'll later join
The Speaker in the Peers.

Stewart, Cambridge's victorious stroke,
Has reason to feel jolly,
And so, for almost equal cause,
Has Oxford's golfer, Tolly.

The ducks that use St. James Park
Detest Sir Alfred Mond,
Because he's failed to restore
To them, their former pond.

Never must Edmonton allow
The threatened base attack
Of revolutionaries on
Our glorious Union Jack!

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Learn how to do the job yourself.

Mr. LEONARD ROE, Quorn, Leicestershire, writes:

"I have mended my watch from the illustrations in 'The Amateur Mechanic,' though it has not been going for twelve months. Now I am going to renovate the colour of a pair of brown boots. Your articles on 'Miniature Electric Light' are very interesting to me. I have already fitted up my cycle with electricity from these articles."

"HERE ARE ALFREDS SCHOOL BOOTS WORN OUT AGAIN - AND SHOE MENDERS CHARGES ARE RUINOUS THESE DAYS!"
"DON'T WORRY, DEAR GIVE 'EM TO ME. I'LL DO THEM!"
"I'VE JUST DONE MY OWN!"

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Mr. CHARLES H. PEARSE, Monmouthshire, writes;

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Mr. BYROM, Blackburn, writes:

"I am very well pleased with the 'Amateur Mechanic.' The books will be very handy for me in the future. The illustrations are great, and I have learned a few wrinkles from these alone up to now. Nothing could be fairer than your methods."

Mr. W. DYSON, Marsh, Huddersfield, writes:

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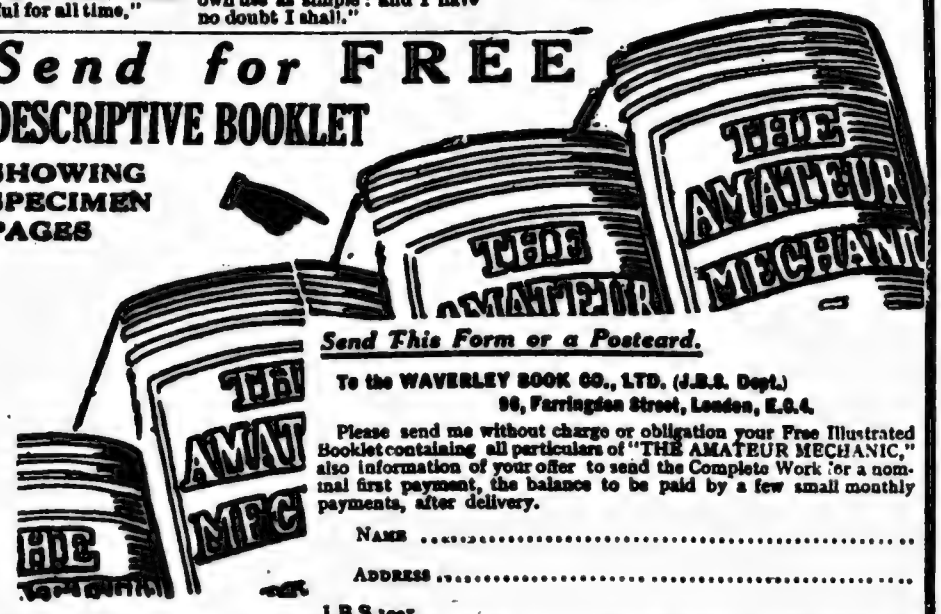

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THIS week I have no choice but to utter my deepest thoughts upon the black tragedy that has overwhelmed the country within the past few days. As I write, the coal mines throughout Great Britain are at a standstill—and Peace is not yet won! Before these lines appear in print, the outer aspect of things may have changed, but there can be no alteration in the main features of a situation that once more imperils the whole future of the nation. I shall not follow my contemporaries in a discussion of the pros and cons of this tragic dispute, nor attempt to apportion blame as between masters and men. In such a crisis as this, all such reflect ons are, to my mind, entirely beside the point, except in so far as they may assist towards a peaceful settlement of a dispute that, if prolonged, must spell the utter ruin of our beloved country. My chief purpose is to insist once again, with all the energy of which I am capable, upon the criminal folly of strike methods—whether the responsibility for them rests with mine-owners or miners—and to plead, even at this late hour, for the resumption of negotiations in a spirit of amity and goodwill—or, in the alternative, to suggest a practical way out of the difficulty. Confronted with a situation of such terrible gravity, my proverbial optimism almost deserts me, and I am tempted to wonder whether, after all, it is the mysterious purpose of Providence to subject this nation to a still more cruel martyrdom than it has yet endured. The blows of the Great War were hard enough to bear, and only slowly and painfully is the nation recovering from its wounds. Still, we have escaped with honour unsullied and courage undiminished. Bitter indeed is the outlook if, at this critical moment, we are to be handed over, bound and gagged, to the blind fury of civil war. For, make no mistake about it, if this miners' strike continues for any length of time, we shall be on the brink of Revolution. There are elements in the Labour ranks that only await an opportunity to unfurl the Red Flag and march through anarchy and chaos to the realisation of their crazy ambitions. In God's name, let us remember we are Britons, and see to it that no such foul stain is allowed to besmirch the annals of our Island race.

The Sin of Rebellion.

The working miner has very little direct responsibility for the calamity which at present darkens the horizon, and I am convinced that, if a ballot had been taken before the strike was decided upon, it would have gone against yet another industrial war. The real culprits are, on the one hand, callous mine-owners, out of touch and sympathy with the new-born aspirations of the workers and their yearning for a decent standard of life; and, on the other hand, men who have forgotten the taste of work and who, from the snug security of handsomely furnished offices in London, are not ashamed to issue orders that may carry ruin and starvation into thousands of humble homes. I know this type of "leader" too well to retain any misconception as to his true character, and I say deliberately that there will be no security for industrial peace until the power he has usurped from the workers is taken out of his hands and restored by law to those from whom it has been filched. In the present outbreak of crime and violence, the villain of the piece is Mr. Frank Hodges, a young man of refined education and elegant deportment, who has jumped over the heads of more experienced officials to a position of supreme authority in the Miners' Federation. As all who know him will testify, Hodges is as far removed as possible, in temperament and outlook, from the average working miner, and there are not wanting responsible leaders of Labour who profoundly mistrust his influence in its counsels. As a leader of Labour's insurgent host, Hodges is a type and a portent. He represents the dominance of mind over muscle, of trained intelligence over blind aspiration—against which I should have not a word to say but for the fatal ease with which such autocratic powers may be abused. Still, I feel we need not despair. If only we keep our heads and use our brains, we can find our way out of the ghastly dilemma in which the relations of Capital and Labour have become involved. The call is for common sense and clear thinking, for courage and patriotism, for a steady and determined effort to realise the fond hopes with which, on the morrow of the Armistice, we comforted our hearts.

HOW TO SETTLE

Masters and Men at Fault—Let the High

By THE EDITOR

Let us look at Labour's responsibility as distinct from that of the employers. The more I think of it, the more I am convinced that, in a country that calls itself civilised and professes devotion to the principles of ordered government, we ought not to be at the mercy of the lawless dictatorship that passes for "leadership!" in the Labour movement. It is monstrous and absurd that a small group of men, possessing no real mandate from the workers, should be permitted to hold the nation to ransom and paralyse the trade of the country at a stroke. We call ourselves "democrats," and prate of our devotion to the sacred principles of self-government. Very well, then; let these same principles be applied in the industrial field—not in theory, but in fact. On every disputed issue, let the ballot decide. Votes, not violence, must be the determining factor. In this vital matter public opinion is ripe for a radical change, and I most emphatically insist that it is the immediate duty of the Government to enact a new Trades Disputes Act, making it a penal offence to call a strike or take any part in its organisation unless a ballot of the workers has previously been taken and a substantial majority in favour of strike action secured. And the ballot must be a real one—that is to say, it should be carried out under all the safeguards of the Corrupt Practices Act, with due provision for complete secrecy. Before these lines are in the hands of my readers, some sort of settlement in the miners' dispute may have been reached, and I fervently hope that we may be spared the agony and humiliation of a prolonged conflict; but, whatever happens, I insist that it is the immediate duty of the Prime Minister to bring before Parliament some such definite proposal as I shall outline for the avoidance of these recurrent crises in our national life. The situation requires

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E THE STRIKE.

h Court of Parliament Decide the Issue.

EDITOR.

searching examination. Looking fairly at the miners' demands, I am bound to say that they do not strike me as being so unreasonable as to preclude friendly discussion, and I am not at all satisfied that the employers are free from blame for the tragic deadlock that has arisen. At such times as these, it is my chief aim and desire to keep an even and balanced mind, and I cannot resist the impression that on both sides of the present dispute there has been a good deal of blundering and wilful obstinacy, hindering the task of settlement. So we must judge the situation on its merits. Picture the position of a miner who, with a wife and family to maintain, finds his wages suddenly reduced as the result, not of any slackened effort on his part, but of a change in the organisation of his industry over which he has no control and which he can barely be said to understand. Of course, the end of the scheme of Government Control was bound to come, and in the long run no doubt we shall be better off without it; but the transition period is likely to entail no small hardship upon a section of the miners, whose wages have been artifically maintained at an exceptionally high level. As I say, I have gone pretty deeply into the facts and figures, and I am bound to recognise that, with prices at the present level, the wage reductions insisted upon by the masters, however justifiable from the economic standpoint, will mean a very considerable diminution in the standard of comfort enjoyed by the mining population. Starting from this bedrock proposition, we have to consider the miners' claim that the profits of the industry should be "pooled" on a national basis, and a minimum wage fixed. On the surface this seems, to the lay mind, at any rate, a not unreasonable proposition, and I certainly think it might serve as the basis of renewed discussion, always subject to the proviso that the general body of taxpayers must not be called upon to subsidise the fund from which the wages of the miners are paid. It is this demand for a Grant-in-Aid from the Imperial Exchequer—or, in homelier terms, from the taxpayers' pocket—that alienates the sympathy of the public and puts the miners out of court in the present dispute. There is not a collier in the country with an ounce of common sense in his cranium who, if the matter were fairly and squarely put to him, would demand that the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker should contribute towards his wages. Yet this is precisely what is meant by the claim to a subsidy from the State. Subject to this, I see no reason, as I say, why the claims of the Federation should not be to a great extent conceded, with the addition of one important proviso from the coal-owner's standpoint. A partner in a colliery company who, through the pooling of profits, had suffered a diminution of income should be allowed to present his case to some sort of national tribunal, and if it were found that he had suffered special hardship, there should be some equitable means of redress. Otherwise I see nothing revolutionary in the Federation's proposals, and I am very strongly of opinion that, with a little more goodwill on either side, we might have escaped the situation of deadly peril in which we stand to-day. Still, there it is, and a *sane* solution must be found.

ind dot blows nopody any goot!'

The Only Solution.

What, then, is *my* solution? Let me quote from an interview I gave to the *National News* on Sunday last:—"I agree that this nation cannot be so barren of true statesmanship as to be incapable of grappling with the problem. It has long been obvious that the old system of conferences with Ministers is played out—nor do I believe that the leaders of either the masters or men are able to speak and act with authority on behalf of their respective interests. There is, however, still one tribunal, supreme and all-powerful, to which both sides could come at once for a just and binding settlement. I refer to the House of Commons—acting, not through the Cabinet or any other executive body, but in its whole corporate capacity as part of the High Court of Parliament; and I am going to assume that whatever decision it arrived at would be endorsed with patriotic loyalty by the House of Lords. My proposal, then, is this: That representatives of masters and men should at once be summoned to the bar of the House. Each side should nominate one, or if necessary two, of the ablest advocates obtainable, to place before the assembly all aspects of the quarrel Questions could be asked by Members and points elucidated, and after that the representatives would withdraw whilst the House would deliberate—preferably in private—and formulate its own proposals for the settlement of the dispute. Those proposals would then at once be embodied in a special emergency Bill, armed with which the Government would proceed to put the decision of the House into operation, and I need scarcely point out that it would then have not only all the forces of the Crown at its back, but the moral conscience of the nation as expressed by its chosen representatives. If the House of Commons is incapable of tackling the problem in such a manner as this, then it really is not worth continued existence. I am pressing my suggestion upon the Prime Minister as the only solution I can see of the deadlock." Of course, I may be told that we must trust the Government. But we have been doing that for years, and the time has come for Parliament to sit in full session—just as occasionally the Judicial Bench is composed of practically all the available Judges for the settlement of some intricate question of law. Since my suggestion appeared, I have been flooded with letters of approval from every part of the country—and from representatives of every kind of opinion. After all, we are supposed to live under a system of Parliamentary government, and it is really high time that the House asserted its authority and came to the aid of our distressed and bewildered Ministers. At any rate, what possible harm could come from trying the experiment I have suggested? If it did nothing more, it would enlighten Members as to the facts of the dispute, as to which the vast majority of them are at present in absolute darkness. Let there be light!

ANTICIPATED EPITAPH.

Stay,
Passynge Stranger,
Beholde and Weepe!
For
Beneathe thys drippynge Stone
Rest
(It is toe bee hoped)
Ye mortal remaynes
Of

Sir John Pedder.

Whoo
For a whyle
(And then toe long)
Was ye chief Liquor Controller
Of ye British Isles.
Ye Seconde Sonne of a Parson,
Hee was educated as a Boy atte
Bath,
Ye whyche two facts
Doubtlesslie accounted for
Ye astonishynge affection for
Water,
Ye whyche hee developed in later yeares.
Hee entered ye Civil Servyce,
Ye whyche myght have been recognized
As an omen
Of ye uncivil servyce hee woulde presentlie
Do hys fellow countrymen.
From ye fyrst
Hee manifested a morbid prejudice agaynst
Wine
(Thatte maketh gladde ye heart of man)
As well as Beer and Spirits
Thatte,
Partaken of in moderation,
Have a similar comfortynge effeckt,
More especiallie whenne
One taketh a little for one's stomach's sake,
As ye Scriptures doe enjoyne.
Stung
Bye ye aquapuritan bee thatte buzzed
In hys bonnet
Hee wente,
Anno Domini 1911,
Toe ye Hague as a Delegate toe
Ye International Conference on Alcoholism;
Butte
Hys greate chance came
For ye imposition on ye people of
Hys fanatickal teetotal views
Whenne ye exigencies of ye Warre
Necessitated ye creation of
Dora.
Thatte tenacious Hagg
Whoo liveth toe plague us yette.
Hee was made a member of
Ye Liquor Control Board,
Ye whych autocratick bodie
Was establyshed
Atte ye instance of ye aforesaid Dora;
And itt was notte long ere hee
Gathered intoe hys own handes
Ye whole of ye Board's despotick powers.
Hym wee mainlie have toe thanke
For ye nonsensical restrictions
Thatte prevent a thyrstie manne
Havynge a glasse of beer
Whenne hee lyketh
(Within reason),
And eke for ye imbecile prohibition
Agaynst buying less thanne a bottle of spirits
Whenne one's need is onlie for a quarten
In a flask.
Other equally misbegotten encroachments
On ye liberte of ye subject
Was hee guilty of,
And there was small sorrow
Whenne hee dyed.

Here lyeth one whoo thought wee oughter
Drynk lyke a fysh, viz., only water!

IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

SIR ROBERT HORNE.

GOOD mornin'. . . . . *Shavin'?* Very good, sir. P'raps you'll set in this chair? . . . S'nice weather, sir. Wunnerful for the time o' ye'r. W'en we 'ad a mild March, we sed we should 'ave to pay fer it in April. Now we've gotter mild April, you 'ear people say we shell 'ave to pay fer it in May! Fur my part, I don't think it matters. Wot's the use o' takin' a gloomy view o' the fucher? It on'y spoils yer enjoyment o' the present. I think if people was to only apply the same idea to politics it would be better for everybody. Look at the coal strike. It's a silly bizniss, reely. But we've gotter look it in the face an' treat it serious. Wot's it amount to? Jest to this. The miners 'ave bin paid as well, if not better then the majority o' manual workers in this country for some yers parst, and although the cost o' livin' is goin' down they don't like the idea o' their wages bein' rejooced. O' course, thet's simply natural. They've bin 'avin' a good time, w'ile many a man wot served an' bled for 'is country 'as bin outer work for months, an' is on the verge o' starvation. An' in the face o' thet the miners, for the sake of a few shillin's a week, w'ich most of 'em could easy spare, threaten to smash up the trade o' the 'ole country.

I was 'opin' Sir Robert 'Orne, the President o' the Board o' Trade, would 'ave managed to come to some sorter settlement with the miners, but 'e failed. W'en I say 'e failed, I don't meanter suggest 'e wasn't up to 'is job, but thet the blokes 'e 'ad to deal with wouldn't listen to reason. P'r'aps there's revolutionary ideas be'ind the bizniss. But I kin 'ardly think thet. This ole country went through its revolutionary period 'undreds o' yers ago, w'en it was necessary. . . . . We 'ad our revolution before Frawnce 'ad 'ers. Now Russia's 'ad 'ers. It was a bit overdue in the case o' Russia; but some blokes seem to think thet becos of it *we* oughter start all over again! Thet's simply silly. But I was mentionin' Sir Robert 'Orne. I see 'e's to be the new Charnceller of the Exchequer. 'E's gotter job before 'im, an' I on'y 'ope 'e'll prove equal to 'is tarsk. Think o' the things 'e's gotter tackle! Waste!

W'ere do I suggest a savin' kin be effected? Thet's easy. There's Messypotamyer, to begin with. Then there's some o' the Guv'ment Departments. Look at the Board o' Liquor Control. Thet ain't run without expense. An' wot do the taxpayers git in return? On'y a lot of annoyance. Ah, Sir Robert 'Orne is takin' somethink over from Austen Chamberlain. . . . *'Ave I ever met 'im?* 'Oo? Sir Robert? . . . No *'Oo's* a liar? Wot, *you're* Sir Robert 'imself? Well, there I goes again! Puttin' both feet in it! Me luck's out, Sir Robert. . . . Oh, so long as you don't think I've sed anythink rood, I'm satisfied. Any'ow, there's one thing I do say, an' thet is thet I wish you luck in your new job, an' 'ope you'll recommend me to other members o' the Cabinet. Several o' them could do with a n'air cut, I've noticed. . . . Thank you, sir; I'm glad you're satisfied, an' I 'ope you'll come again. Not so much becos' I wants your custom, but to give me a charnce to tell you 'ow I think you're gittin' on at the Exchequer. . . . Goo'-day, sir. Thank you very much.

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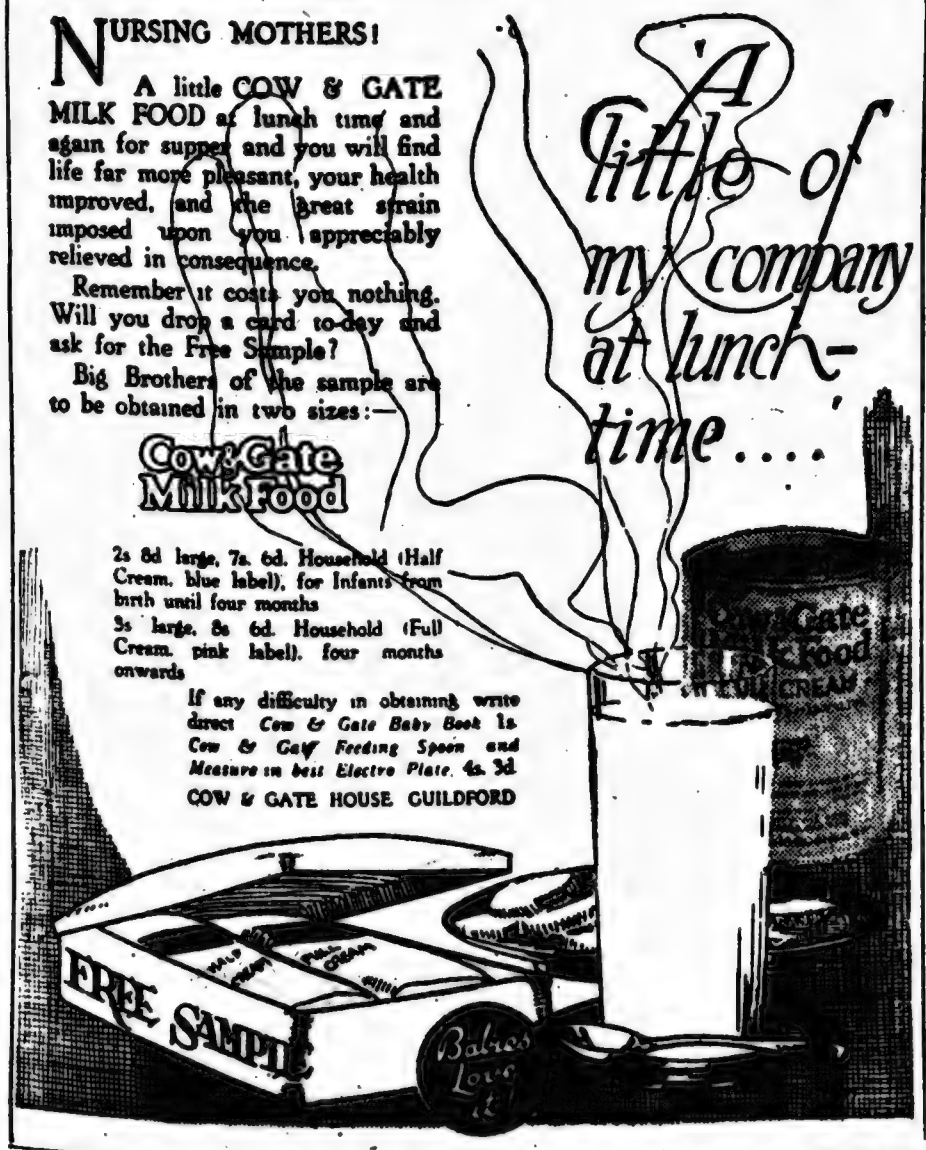

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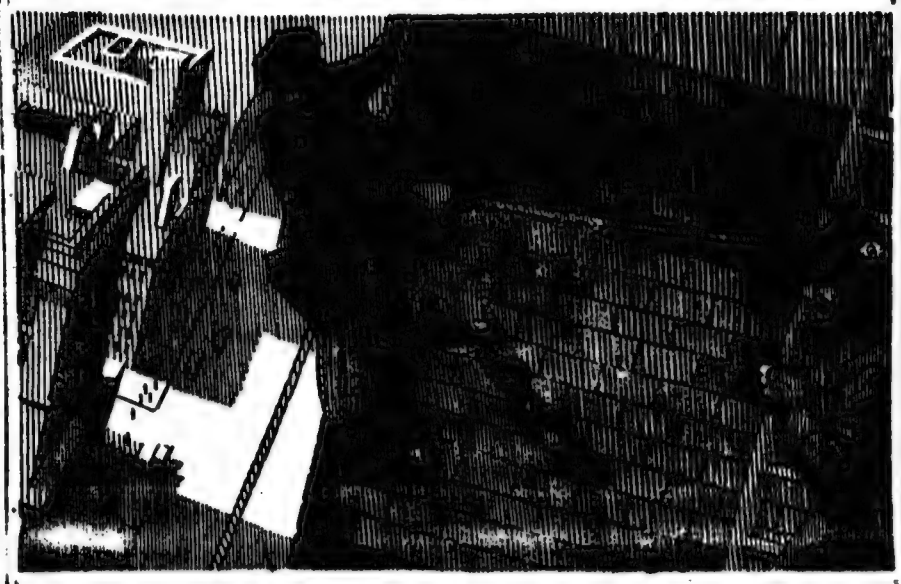

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Railway Amalgamations.

Following the decision of the North Eastern Railway to absorb the Hull and Barnsley, the London and North Western is proposing to buy up the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. No details of the arrangements entered into between the two companies has so far been made public, and of course the scheme will have to be passed, not only by the shareholders, but must receive the sanction of Parliament.

Ancient History.

Away back in 1873, several attempts at the amalgamation of various railway systems were adumbrated, and if they had been carried out at the time it is highly probable that the country would be much better served now than it is at the present day. Unfortunately the bogey of monopoly was uppermost in the minds of the legislators of the period, and public opinion was also obsessed with the idea that without competition there could be no efficient service, except at the expense of the public and traders.

Competition *v.* Monopoly.

This idea has long since been exploded, and it is now generally admitted that although healthy competition is the life of trade, it can be carried to a point at which it is merely wasteful and obstructive. With the tacit blessing of the Ministry of Transport, it is highly probable that the North Western—Leeds amalgamation will be adopted as well as that of the North Eastern—Hull and Barnsley proposal, in spite of some rather foolish local opposition with regard to the latter scheme. If both these arrangements go through successfully they will inaugurate a new era in railway development.

Frozen Out.

There has always been a good deal of doubt about the prospects of the Northern Exploration Company, which has been attempting to develop a large mining industry in Spitzbergen. It is a remote and bleak country to squander capital in, and only the most exceptional values would justify the adventure. Proper work can only be carried on for a few months in the year, and it is extremely doubtful whether shipping can enter and leave the primitive ports available except under unusually favourable weather conditions.

Poor Results.

The report which has just been issued shows that in several respects the glowing accounts issued during the last year or two are not justified by actual facts. In every case of any importance the experts are very much more cautious than the official circulars issued from time to time would have led the public to believe, and to take only one instance, we are told that the copper deposits at St. John's Bay have proved disappointing, while the zinc blende deposits are found to be of such poor quality that they cannot be mined successfully. Moreover, the syndicate which was formed to prospect for oil on certain of the companies' properties has decided not to exercise its option. Under the circumstances it is not really surprising that the shares, which at one time rose to 3¾ths, have recently been kicking about at 2s. a piece without finding any eager buyers. It has not been my fault if any of my readers have lost money in this concern, for it will be remembered that I have more than once called their attention to its dubious prospects.

Argentine Railway Prospects.

The Argentine Railways have not been doing particularly well of late, but there is hope that a further increase in rates will be authorised to meet the heavy advance in working costs. The commercial community in Buenos Ayres has very wisely agreed, in consultation with the management, that rates must be raised if the railways are not going into bankruptcy.

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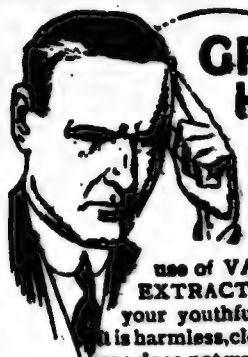

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The Nine per Cent. Cumulative Preference Shares rank for dividend and return of capital next after the 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares. The dividend thereon will accrue on the instalments from the respective due dates of payment, and the first payment of dividend so calculated to 30th September will be made on 31st October, 1921, after which date dividends will be payable half-yearly on 30th April and 31st October in each year in respect of the half-yearly periods ending 31st March and 30th September respectively.

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ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The Company, which was incorporated on the 3rd March, 1898, conducts a Manufacturing, Export, Wholesale, and Retail Business in Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Jam and Fruit Preserving, Groceries, Chocolates, Confectionery, Cake, Biscuits, and also in Provisions, Preserved Meats, Pickles, Sauces and General Food Products. It is believed to be the largest business of its kind in the world, and in addition the Company owns extensive Tea and Rubber Estates in Ceylon.

There are at present over 550 Branch Lipton shops throughout the United Kingdom, with numerous factories, warehouses and stores in London, and at Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol, Dublin, etc.; also establishments in Paris, Brussels, Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said, Jerusalem Colombo, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Karachi, Nairobi and Valparaiso; also in Sydney, N.S.W., and Auckland, N.Z., together with numerous Agencies throughout the world.

The retail shops, which have been considerable increased in number since the termination of the War, continue to make highly satisfactory progress, and **are beating previous records, both in aggregate turnover and profits,** while the new shops recently opened in London and the provinces have already established themselves and are yielding profits which are quite equal to the expectations of the Directors.

While maintaining adequate supplies, the Company is in the fortunate position, in view of the falling prices of foodstuffs, of **holding the smallest stocks consistent with the necessary requirements** of the business as well in its Factories and Warehouses as in its Branch Shops.

The object of the present issue is to provide further working capital primarily for the rapidly increasing Home trade and consequent necessity for extending and developing under modern labour-saving conditions the manufacturing side of the business, the capacity of which is being rapidly overtaken by the steady increase of the Company's turnover, and for generally developing the undertaking.

A certificate from the auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs and Co., shows that the profits rose from **£258,538** in 1916-17 to **£374,843** in 1917-18, **£401,285** in 1918-19 and **£411,192** in 1919-20, the average for the four years being **£356,145.**

From this certificate it will be seen that on the average of the past four years **the dividend on the 9 per cent. Preference Shares comprised in this issue,** after providing for the prior charges on Debenture Stocks and 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares, amounting to £106,000, **was covered more than four times over.**

The accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1921, will not be available until June. The Company's Overseas trade has during the current year suffered loss, in common with most other businesses of the same kind, from adverse markets due to the prevailing world conditions, but **the Home trade,** which is the backbone of the Company's business, has, during the same period, continued to show steady expansion and excellent results, **and has never been so large as it is at the present time.**

Pending the completion of these accounts the Directors are unable to make any accurate forecast of the amount of the profits for the year ending 31st March, 1921. The profits for that year will necessarily be adversely affected by the conditions of the Overseas trade, but **the Directors are satisfied that they will be able to pay the same final dividend on the Ordinary Shares (making 12½ per cent. for the year) as in the three previous years.** The usual interim dividend of 5 per cent. has been paid.

For the purposes of Excess Profits Duty the Company's accounting period began on 15th March, 1914, so that in the event of the removal of this duty on the lines already indicated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Company will experience immediate relief.

The Reserves accumulated out of Profits appearing in the Company's Balance Sheet on 31st March, 1920, **amounted to £622,000.**

Application will in due course be made to the Committee of the Stock Exchange for an official quotation of the Shares now offered.

Brokerage at the rate of threepence per Share will be payable on all Shares allotted in respect of applications bearing the stamp of Bankers, Stockbrokers, or other approved agents other than applications received in direct relief of underwriting.

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TOMMY, JACK, AND BADGERS.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheeseparing, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

Why?—Why are demobilised British ex-officers working in Constantinople refused permits to purchase groceries, etc., from the N.A.A.F.I.—a privilege that is accorded to Greeks, Armenians, and even Turks serving in the Black Sea Labour Corps?

A Poser:—Men of the 1st Batt. Machine Gun Corps in Ireland want to know why they are always in debt, and are drawing only 3s. weekly. They also ask where their clothing allowance is going to. We must interrogate the Paymaster.

Crime and Punishment:—At Quetta a district court-martial "sat on" an airman. Crime—absence from roll call, bed not properly made up, giving "lip" to an N.C.O. Punishment—112 days' detention. He will have time to compete for that essay on how to stimulate recruiting, for which the authorities offer a prize of £100!

In Reply to Yours:—The Army Council decided to restore all D.C.M.s, M.M.s, and War medals forfeited since 4th August, 1914, except in cases where a sentence of death was pronounced or for grave offences.

To Make it Plain:—You chaps who deserted from the Army, or in Naval words were "on the run" or "stragglers," cannot obtain your gratuities owing to your slips from the paths of rectitude. After all, remember that if there were no punishments hordes of men in the Services would "do a bunk." See it?

Exit the Profiteers:—An Army Council Instruction states that the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes will replace the Navy and Army Canteen Board, and will for the future be responsible for the conduct of all Naval, Military and Air Force Institutes in the United Kingdom and in garrisons overseas, and of canteens in His Majesty's ships. A change that will be welcomed!

False Economy:—As planned by Mr. Churchill, the staffs of the Record Offices have this week been very largely cut down—at a time when nearly 1,000,000 medals await issue and the compiling work all round is about six months from completion. More unemployment, more delay, and more grousing on the part of the ex-soldiers whose cases have yet to be dealt with. False economy, in fact.

Worth Trying:—An ex-victim of malaria wishes Tommy to know of a recipe, one dose of which cured him permanently 30 years ago. Drop a piece of alum the size of a walnut in a pint of milk, boil slowly until it is reduced to half a pint, and take a wineglassful as a dose. Cheap enough, and worth a trial.

The Sick Men's "Sob":—Patients in the M.O.P. Hospital at Knotty Ash, Liverpool, make complaint that they are not allowed at any time to indulge in a quiet game of cards in the wards. Perhaps the Superintendent will supply them with tiddley-winks.

Jack's Money:—The award of prize bounty for the destruction of the undermentioned German submarine is now ready for distribution: *U.C.* 72, by H.M. Seaplane No. 8695 and H.M. Aeroplanes Nos. B.1821 and B.1819 on 22nd September, 1917. The following award of salvage money is now also ready:—Salvage of s.s. *Thomas Krag* by H.M. tugs *Zaree* and *Cynic* between the 15th and 18th October, 1918.

Our Daily "Thank You":—From F. A. F., Dursley:—"Dear Sir,—Many thanks for securing for me a final settlement of my Army accounts. This proves to me that you still stand by the soldiers and sailors. I am telling my pals what you have done for me. Please accept enclosed for your Fund."

RACING NOTES.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters to be dealt with in the correspondence columns of Sporting Life.)

If even nearly all that we hear about Leighton be true he is well worth backing at his present price for the Derby. He is a colt for whom we had a strong liking last year. He just seemed to gallop on air, and although circumstances fell out that he was spared from taking up a fighting attitude, we make little doubt his heart is in the right place.

Moreover he is just built for the Epsom track and all in all we quite like him. The mistake in some stables which have sheltered horses which became popular fancies for the Derby has been that of miscalculating such animals' capacity for distance. Still, Cottrill was in charge of Irish Elegance two or three years back and is able to set a high standard. Those who back the colt for his engagement at Newbury on Friday have the assurance that they will get a good run for their money. Our selections are, of course, given subject to racing being possible in view of the Strike.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

LINGFIELD—WEDNESDAY.
Spring Stakes—DARK OPAL COLT.
Chiddingstone Plate—WEST COUNTRYMAN*
Victoria Spring Handicap—JANE EYRE.

LINGFIELD—THURSDAY.
Park Stakes—BARRULET*
Four Elms Handicap—WOODFORD GREEN.
Mapleton Plate—CHINESE WHITE.

NEWBURY—FRIDAY.
Greenham Stakes—LEIGHTON*
Cheveley Handicap—THE PRESIDENT.
Berkshire Handicap—THE NIGHT PATROL.

NEWBURY—SATURDAY.
Spring Cup—CLARION.
Spring Plate—THE WINTER KING*
Thatcham Plate—HOLBEACH.

"The Greatest of These—"

(Registered under the War Charities Act as the John Bull *War Sufferers' Fund.)*

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Pity Her Plight:—A widow, who is too frail to work, has five children, one of them ill. She has a small pension on behalf of a man who died for us. We, of course, helped.

Damaged by Service:—An ex-soldier served us for 19 years. He is now laid on the shelf with rheumatism and cannot work, his wife is an invalid, his son, who was the mainstay of the family, is out of work, and his daughter is on short time. A particularly hard case.

A Common Case:—A man who saw the hellish sights in the field came back. He cannot find employment. His wife kept the "home" going, but has now entered the infirmary. There are two small children to keep—on nothing.

Like to be Him?—An ex-soldier has a wife and five children. He is out of work, without even the unemployment "dole," and before he applied to us owed eight weeks' rent and was threatened with eviction. His pension is 16s. a week. Poor chap!

As Old as Eve:—We have had during the week nearly a score of applicants who have paid the penalty demanded of Eve, in most cases the parents being out-of-work, and no provision being possible for the tiny strangers—who open their little eyes for the first time on misery and destitution. We are in need of baby clothing.

The Widow's Plea:—A widow left to struggle alone, and who worked hard to keep herself, could not pay her rates, and was in imminent danger of being jailed or sold up when she came to us.

HELP US TO HELP THEM.

A fortnight ago the labour market barometer gave us some hope. It marked "less unemployed." Last week it altered and indicated "more unemployed," and now we are faced with an increase of misery on account of trade disputes. Make no mistake about it: we do not dole out your money to those who make the trouble and are thereby thrown into distress. We help those who are plunged into unemployment and misery by the men who strike and cause the trouble. In the meantime, we have day by day a monotonous procession of letters from ex-soldiers who came back from the "glorious" field to find that in their absence their jobs were stolen by Conscientious Objectors and other parasites who are of no use in any way to the nation. They have wives and children whose allowances have been cut off, and who therefore must share the miseries of the man who, while serving, was called by us a "hero."

True, an allowance was made to Tommy, when demobilised, about sufficient to keep your few olive branches in fruit and chocolate and sweets for a week. But the ex-soldier's children could not get such luxuries. Bread and margarine and possibly tea spelled their fare, and heaven knows how their rents and taxes are paid. Concerning the latter, we are enlightened now and again by those who appeal to us. The man who unluckily lives in a house instead of a back room cannot pay his rates, and is by an unsympathetic law sent to gaol for a term to work the matter out! In the meantime, his wife and children are left still to starve without his company. There are thousands of genuine sufferers, but there are others. Up to a few months ago, won't-work ex-soldiers came to us for aid, and we asked them if they had been to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society in Brompton Road, and invariably they replied, "Yes, but they refused to assist me." Thereupon from us came a telephonic inquiry to the Society, which elicited the reply, "He left here with a grant an hour ago, and we have helped him weekly for some time." The result spelled disaster to the mean cadgers, who have now given up the stunt. *Do* help us to give assistance to the genuine cases.

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"A WOMAN" (Redcar-by-Sea). — "Speaking about Germany, you think you never can be friends again with them. Why not?" We are surprised that a woman should ask that question.

"EX-PRIVATE" (Coventry). — "Why don't we go and get from the Hun swine what we want, and not wait to see what we are going to have given to us?" That's the question.

G. B. M. S. (Chelsfield) hopes to see more about the Byng Millions. More when we know more.

B. A. (Paris).—"Why do people laugh when my fiancée and I say we have postponed our marriage for a month as we cannot get our arrangements made beforehand?" Tut, tut!

H. F. (St. Margarets-at-Cliffe).—We are not surprised to learn that "many people since the Dover Election are taking the *National News* on Sundays instead of the *People*." We could not make out where those increased sales were coming from.

"SOUTHGATE."—"You were easily gulled on your recent visit to Colney Hatch." We managed to get out again, anyway.

F. G. D'A. (Liverpool).—We should be quite satisfied to see the Grand National Race Course converted into a sports ground for Liverpool school children. At present it is a death-trap for noble horses.

"A CORK READER."—"You do not seem to get hold of many facts." You know what constitutes a fact, more especially in Ireland?

W. M. (Hammersmith).—"May the good Lord strengthen your right hand." And increase the vigour of our left, if it isn't asking too much.

A. J. N. (Singapore).—"Your paper . . . always stirs me up like a good plate of curry." You are not the only one who finds us hot stuff.

"DOLE" (North Kensington).—If you helped to renovate our office in 1911 you must know that the dog on our desk never sleeps. He has already had one or two good bites at the Ministry of Labour.

A. J. B. (California).—If the Americans think they won the war, let them! The part that Tommy played will live in history after the boasters are dead and buried.

I. B. (Toronto).—"Your readers may take it that things are rotten over here." Decomposed, so to speak.

L. G. R. (Wood Green).—"'A Dumb Cry for Mercy' is good." You fancy you have caught us bending, but the poet Keats wrote of "a noiseless noise."

SAPR. M. (Chanak).—"I have always held your journal in esteem. It excels in its democratic sympathies . . . ." Overcome with emotion, we could read no more.

S. C. D. (Finsbury Park).—"May I be allowed to call public attention through your valuable paper to the vandalism going on in Clissold Park?" Certainly; and you could not avail of a better medium, though we sees it ourselves as shouldn't.

T. H. J. (Monmouth).—Notwithstanding your professed patriotism, you have not convinced us that it would be a seemly thing to construct a public convenience adjacent to the War Memorial.

"INMATE" (Hastings).—"I'm in a house they call 'The Spike,' at Hastings-by-the-Sea, We have a master I don't like, his name is dear Corry." If we told him *your* name he'd be after you.

C. W. (London).—We agree with you about the arbitrary closing restrictions enfor ed against small shops under compulsion of the big ones.

"MARK ANTHONY" (Porthcawl).—We don't know what trickery may be practised in Welsh Urban District Cou ci! elections, but in England the ballot is secret.

"X. Y. Z." (N. London).—The grounds you mention are not sufficient for your mother to obtain a separation. You must not expect your father to give you a strict account of all his goings out and comings in.

B. H. J. (Bristol).—Hope on, dear lady. It is darkest before dawn.

L. H. (Leyton).—The "two shifts" in which policewomen will be required to work are not the sort you appear to think. Sorry to hear you possess only one. What do you do while it is in the wash?

H. F. (Brighton).—The average Salvation Army lassie is quite self-possessed when facing a crowd of men in a public-house for the purpose of selling the *War Cry*, and invariably meets with respectful treatment. There is a little coarse badinage at times; but we have heard an S.A. lassie give quite as good as she took.

"ANON."—"Lloyd George is doing his best to bring this country down to Russia." We Moscow and see him about it.

"MINER" (Haydock).—"We recall to memory the sneering words that you wrote when Conan Doyle told you that the so-called dead lived." What you want is a new and more reliable memory.

"HINKEY" (Devon).—"Roll up with your Business Government, or there will be nothing to govern!" We are rolling all right; but it is a toughish, up-hill proposition.

J. P. (Bristol).—Surely even big men may have their little relaxations? As says Shakes.: "The little foolery that wise men have makes a great show."

"SCOT" (Carlisle).—The Bawbee was a coin invented by James V. presumably to enable the Scotch to contribute to church collections.

"ONE OF THE FOOLS" (Shifnal).—The appointment of a civilian to the post of Relieving Officer, when the candidates included twelve ex-Service men, was Shifnal's shame.

W. T. (Boscombe).—"Do you know why Soranus won the Lincoln?" Because, although indisposed behind, he was well in front.

D. S. P. (London).—The risk looks like being too big for you. Vessels large may venture more, but little boats should keep near shore.

"NOSEY" (Harpenden).—"Please tell us where the shillings for the ex-Service men went to at Christmas." Don't even know where they were to come from.

E. R. (Wanstead).—"Having read your article, 'A Word with the Women'—" But a word with them means such a lot of words back.

J. W. (Margate).—Your postcard says, "Help to increase output by discouraging betting." You mark that muck as "MS. for printing," and meanly try to rob the Post Office by affixing only a halfpenny stamp!

W. A. C. (Croydon) wants us to have a row with somebody because Brighton boatmen are not allowed to let out boats unless they accompany the hirer. In the interest of everybody's health, we prefer the boatmen should do the rowing.

MRS. F. H. (Didsbury).—"Your solution of the problem is simply grand." With our hand on our heart, we are simply grateful.

G. P. M. (Portobello).—The service flat of which you furnish particulars seems to be very dear at £200. We notice that the tenant has to provide nine tons of coal a year. We should try and get an ex-service flat

"CONSTANT READER" (Cardiff).—"As regards taxation, I think the lines on which the income tax has to be paid are very unfair." Shake!

F. C. H. (Cardiff).—"The mystery is, how was the cod caught?" It wouldn't have been had it taken its hook sooner.

"LABOURER" (Hants).—"It seems to me that the working-class are in two sections." Yes, there are those who have to work and don't like it, and those who are out of work and want it.

J. W. (Los Angeles)—John Bull's debt to Uncle Sam is merely cash, whereas Uncle Sam's debt to John Bull cannot be calculated.

H. W. (Brizenorton).—Not only is Prize Money being awarded to initial "W," but to every other surname initial in the alphabet.

M. M. (Abergele).—We prefer to be governed as little as possible. How small of all that human hearts endure that part which laws or kings can cause or cure!

T. J. W. (Aberystwyth).—"We are not told the hussy is very good-looking and captivates the worthy Magistrate." Perhaps to avoid a queue at the Court.

E. C. (Highgate).—"From what ordinary persons can judge, consideration for the Huns comes first and for our own folk last." We are such a kind, unselfish people, you know.

H. A. T. (Walthamstow).—Sample maggot found in loaf of bread duly to hand. It is being carefully watched, but so far has not regained consciousness.

E. W. (Leicester).—"Your cowardly attack upon J. R. Macdonald in the Woolwich election is beyond reproach." Like Cæsar's wife.

A. B. (Holland Park).—An old-age pensioner had to get another room, the house being sold. The cheapest she could find is 6s. 6d. a week. "How can she live on the balance of 3s. 6d.?" The awful truth is that the poor old soul can only slowly die on it.

L. H.—"Do you not think that it would be peculiar if, one day, the Fire Brigade are summoned to a *large* fire somewhere in London, and find to their utter dismay that upon turning on the hydrants no water issues from the pipes?" It would be as serious as if, on pulling the engine, no beer came forth!

F. D. W. (Cheltenham).—"JOHN BULL is a most interesting paper and I wondered if you would publish the age of a friend of mine who is 92." The deed is done, but we question whether the interest of the paper is increased thereby.

"CHIPPY" (Hayling).—Some employers, like some workers, have small sense of equity.

S. G. C. (Brooklyn).—You mustn't believe all the stories circulated by the Pro-German Irish in America. We have criticised the Government, but leaflets such as you send are merely abuse where they are not downright lies.

"CONSTANT READER" (Northants).—"And the public cries out about cheap food." Personally, we haven't heard them! Most people we meet say it is too dear.

C. H. (Blackburn).—If your wife says you ought to make better use of your ingenuity, let it go at that. We never argue with a lady, and avoid as far as possible disputation with female persons.

P. P. S. (Luton).—We should say you thirst overmuch. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine.

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M. J. F. (Lincoln) is sorry the Daylight Saving Act has come into force again, on account of the extra physical tax it puts on little children who have to walk a long way to school.

THOMAS WILLIAM BATEMAN (Licensed Hawker).—Your mother in St. Osyth would like to hear from you. Full address on application.

"LEICESTER."—"It is *impossible* for me to enclose my name." The only possible explanation of that is, that you haven't got one.

MRS. E. W. (Southampton).—"My Dr. told me the Dr. that examined me was mad." When doctors fall out, patients do not always come into their own.

M. B. (Frisco).—"We trust the Is. has been as useful as it might have been here." Yes, if only to show that the Briton says "Thank you"—and the Yank does not.

S. N. (Worcester).—Keep off the grass or her husband will be after you. You are asking for a thick ear.

R. G. B. (Welling).—Thanks for your skit on "The Woolwich Election Steeplechase," and, by Gee, it isn't half bad!

B. F. (Reading.)—You want £4 to complete the purchase of a donkey, so you can get a living for yourself and three motherless children. Perhaps this may bring it your way.

MRS. T. S. (Cookham).—You are one of the myriad victims of the housing ramp, and beyond our aid.

MR. T. TYSON (of 219, Greystone Road, Carlisle), the winner of £250 in "Bullets" Competition No. 406, tells us the successful effort was entirely his own work, and that his chums have often chaffed him on his lack of success. He has the last laugh.

"JUST NOBODY" (London, S.W.).—You live up to your *nom de plume*. You give neither your own name nor address, nor the name and address of the man who you allege works you from 5.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. for 15s. a week.

G. W. W. (Bristol).—You are well quit of the Union of Postal Workers if they have expelled you because you refused to contribute to the Strike Fund.

F. W. (Frindsbury).—The difference between a £10 a week sparetime scheme for Is., and a week's whole-time work with a 30s. outfit, could easily be seen with the naked eye if you took more water with it.

W. E. H. (Lewisham) suggests an association of non-union men, as "trade unions are now too extreme and a menace to the country." Such an association would *be* a trade union.

R. H. B. (Leicester).—There is practically no restraint on a cross-examining counsel. If your past went as far back as Adam he could drag it all up and throw it in your face.

T. G. J. (Plumstead).—"Ramsay Macdonald started one day A labour campaign down Woolwich way. He commenced his fight so full of glee, Swearing he'd conquer that horrible Gee. On the 2nd of March the polling revealed The Fate of Herr Ramsay finally sealed." Yours—boiled down and improved.

L. J. L. (Edinburgh).—To assist an intoxicated man in the street is as dangerous as taking him home. In the first case the police, and in the second his wife, will probably blame you for his condition.

A. B. (Aberavon).—An old age pensioner drawing 10s. a week (full pension) must not have an income from any other source exceeding 10s. 1d. per week—a silly and a sorry fact, considering the times.

G. T. (Brighton).—You are entitled to know on what grounds under Rule 16 you were expelled from the Gardenia Club; but how you can compel the august Committee to inform you, we cannot say.

J. L. M. C. (Liscard).—"It is, then, in the name of Heaven I ask you to bring about a fixing of prices to ruin profiteering in rooms and houses." Unfortunately we can't get the House of Commons to legislate in the name of Heaven.

D. P. (Leeds).—We sometimes wonder whether laughter is becoming extinct in the world. When did *you* laugh last?

"MOTHER" (Chepstow).—Your boy seems a bit of a handful at 11. How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!

M. D. (Drat these postmarks!)—"I should like the nation to know that when a peer's son looks young sin makes them look old." We fear you are a trifle loose in one of your nuts.

S. E. H. (Putney).—To print the British Flag on a box of coloured marbles "Made in Germany" is about the limit of cynical impudence. But the Hun is made like that.

"KATH."—"I wish you would expose No. 18." Sorry. Call and expose 'em yourself.

G. F. (London, E.).—"Do you think it possible or not to get a satisfactory reply from the Ministry of Labour?" It depends entirely on whether you strike lucky.

J. H. (Wood Green).—Beyond expressing our disgust with the mean way in which the Norwood builder discharged you and your wife, we regret we can do nothing in the matter.

H. J. (Eltham). — "Watch the spiritualists." Can't; they do everything in the dark.

L. E. G. R. (Ye Roscrie).—Mrs. Shechy Skeffington said the Black and Tans were "recruited from the gaols of England," and that is a lie.

"INQUIRER" (Mumbles).—What do we think of Professor Alfred Zimmern, of the University of Wales, as the "ideal Prime Minister"? We don't think he'll be prime.

"GUTEN POTZ" (London).—"To John Bull Lunatic. Quite true. Yo vos already vin de var. Now vin de peace." We may even do that when we try.

R. D. (Lancaster).—A man who talks as you do of Mr. Lloyd George would speak disrespectfully of the equator.

W. G. C. (N. Camberwell).—"I bought a leg of pork." And you haven't even sent us a bit o' the crackling!

N. L. K. (Canterbury).—Screed on telepathic optical influence received. Said influence may explain what is known as the glad eye.

ETTA A. (Brecon).—The office cat is jealous of your "Good Luck Mascot Pussie," so we are undecided whether to kill the cat or return your gift.

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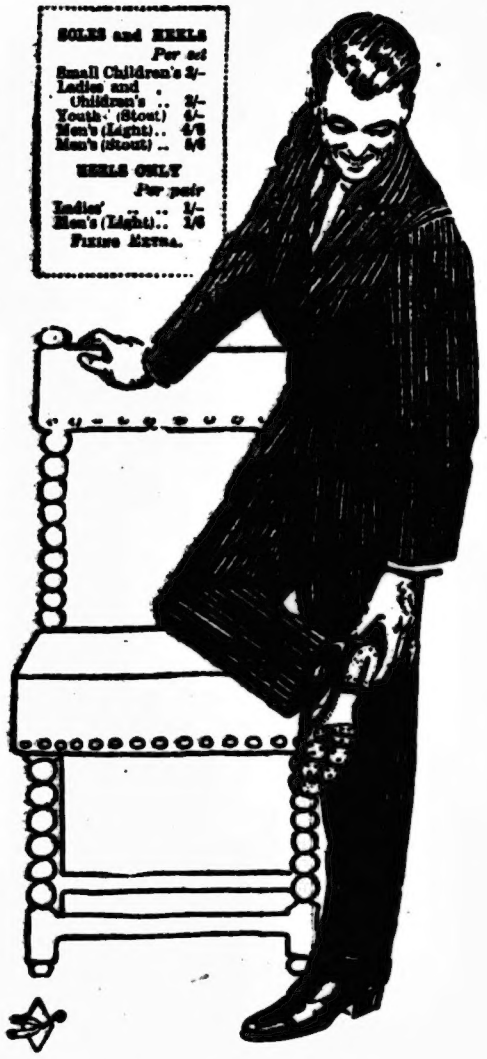

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The "Lightweight" Phillips' Rubbers suit the smartest boot and are a boon to the business man. Have them fitted and your boot troubles will disappear.

Phillips RUBBERS

"Last the time of three"

£100! £200!! £1,000!!!

'BULLETS' BIG THREE!

2ND PRIZE £200

FIRST PRIZE £1,000

3RD PRIZE £100

10 Prizes of £5 | **50 Prizes of 10/-**

10 Prizes of £2-10- | **1,000 PRIZES OF 2/6** | **2,000 POPULAR NOVELS** | **3,000 'TARGET' PRIZES** | **200 Prizes of 5/-**

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First chose any of the Forty examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 409.

LLOYD GEORGE	MY POCKET	HOW TO COLLECT INDEMNITY	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
WRAPPED IN THOUGHT	NEAR THE MARK	GERMAN CUSTOMS	FINAL PLUNGE
WON'T DO FOR ME	AS BEFORE	WRIGGLING	WHAT A BEAUTY
WEDDING MARCH	FOOLED AGAIN	LAUGHTER AND TEARS	TRYING BUSINESS
STATE OF ENGLAND	NOT MUCH LEFT	SHAMMING	SPOT CASH
ENOUGH	BIG HANDFUL	TAKE WARNING	GAME OF GRAB
HOT AND COLD	WOMAN OF TO-DAY	WHERE THERE'S A WILL	DEAR LIFE
PARIS FASHIONS	MOTHER AND FATHER	DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT	PERFECT GENTLEMAN
HAVING A FLING	THE LITTLE ONES	SOCIALISM	THE NEXT TAX
POPULAR FANCY	MAKES ME SICK	EVERYBODY'S FAVOURITE	ONE OF THE BEST

No.____ **Closing Date, Thursday, April 21st.**

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(409 P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d

Signed_____

Address_____

If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No._____ **Closing Date, Thursday, April 21st.**

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(409) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.

Signed_____

Address_____

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 409, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No._____ **Closing Date, Thursday, April 21st.**

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

409 P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed_____

Address_____

No._____ **Closing Date, Thursday, April 21st.**

Example_____

Bullet

Example_____

Bullet

(409) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.

Signed_____

Address_____

Result of Competition No. 407 ("Bullets" Easter Offer) will be published in next week's issue.

BULLETS RULES. 1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 410.

BOTTOMLEY'S ADVICE	POOR FATHER
WHAT MATTERS NOW	IN DRY STATE
MISERABLE SINNER	YOU BET
GOOD FOR TOMMY	STRUGGLING
UNLOOKED FOR	WHAT GERMANY OWES
WORTH THE TROUBLE	CONTENTED
ADDRESS UNKNOWN	MOTHER AND BABY
RIGHT AND WRONG	A CERTAINTY
FICKLE JADE	MOST FLATTERING WHEN
WHAT A DIFFERENCE	HONOUR AND OBEY

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, April 28th.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **410** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **410**, "JOHN BULL," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Forty examples for Competition **409.**

RESULT OF OUR TWENTY-FIRST FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

In this Competition the following two Competitors each sent a correct forecast of the ten matches played on March 26th, and, therefore, divide the prize of £1,000:—

Mr. HUGH BOYD,
40, Cedar Street, Glasgow.

Miss M. E. LEECH,
217, Kingston Rd., Teddington.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE

FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS

FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex.

The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal Representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect of each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ALREADY PAID

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CLAIMS.

FULL CONDITIONS.

This offer applies only to persons over 10 years and residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland and Wales.

Any number of persons in one family may be separately insured provided an order for JOHN BULL is placed and a registration form is forwarded in respect of each person.

Claims, which must be confined to one of the benefits, must be received by us within three days of the loss or damage, and in the case of death, such death must occur within thirty days, and as a direct and sole result of the injury.

Payment will be made subject to any rights which the claimant may have or acquire against, or under, any other Insurance Scheme, Company, or otherwise, and the Proprietors of JOHN BULL shall not be liable until the registered reader has exhausted his or her right under such insurance.

This offer applies only to the dwelling-houses, apartments, or dwelling-rooms attached to business premises of the registered reader, but not to business premises or stock-in-trade.

We reserve to ourselves the right to limit our total payments under this scheme to £10,000, and to discontinue, or make any variation of this offer by the publication of notice in JOHN BULL. The decision of the Proprietors of JOHN BULL upon all questions shall be final.

In order to safeguard ourselves it is stipulated that a fire will not be recognised as such unless a call has been made upon the local Fire Brigade or appliance.

Owing to lack of space, the Newsagent's Order Form and Readers' Registration Form is held over, but will again appear in next week's issue.

World's Record Football Offer!

£2,000 for ONLY TEN RESULTS

MUST BE WON! TWO THOUSAND POUNDS For a Correct or Nearest Correct Forecast of ONLY TEN RESULTS!

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL."

Coupons are not published in various other papers. If you want to win the £2,000 prize

YOU CAN ONLY USE COUPONS TAKEN FROM THIS PAPER.

THE sum of £2,000 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 10 matches given. If 10 correct results are not given, the £2,000 will be awarded to the sender of the most correct results, so that in any event the £2,000 **MUST BE WON.** We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. **Scottish and Irish readers can compete.** Competitors may send in as many coupons as they like.

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of JOHN BULL, announcing this Competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed) and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £2,000 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £2,000. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

(3) Ten crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupon received later than April 21st. will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw" **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

Cut out Coupon neatly, and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 22, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2.** Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

THE RESULT OF OUR TWENTY-FIRST FOOTBALL COMPETITION APPEARS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

CLOSING DATE, THURSDAY, APRIL 21st.

MATCHES TO BE PLAYED SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd.

Home Team		Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
Everton	v.	Burnley			
Arsenal	v.	Newcastle United			
Derby County	v.	Aston Villa			
Bolton Wan.	v.	Liverpool			
Fulham	v.	South Shields			
Sheffield W.	v.	Bury			
Stoke	v.	Bristol City			
Brentford	v.	Merthyr Town			
Brighton & H.A.	v.	Watford			
Queen's P. R.	v.	Swindon			

☞ **Coupons must be cut—not torn out.**

I enter "JOHN BULL" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

(22) SIGNED.....

ADDRESS.....

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£6 6s.; all wool, indigo dyed, London shrunk blue serge suit to measure for ... £3 10s.

officially certified all wool; the greatest value ever offered either since or before the war; we guarantee satisfaction from self-measures or refund cash without question if you disapprove of goods for any reason whatever.—Call or write for free patterns, measure chart, fashion booklet, etc., S. A. Barry and Co., 16, City Road, London, E.C.

Skin Torture and Its Cure.

Germolene, the New Aseptic Re-agent, Soothes at a Touch.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

A cure for skin torture is a public benefaction. Pain, itching, irritation, unsightly disfigurement, and other unpleasant effects give rise to mental and bodily discomfort which is sometimes almost maddening. Germolene, the new aseptic skin dressing, is a certain cure for such complaints as eczema, rashes, ulcers, bad legs, ringworm, impetigo, and piles. It has a bland and soothing influence in the case of poisoned wounds, cuts, scalds, and burns. No mother having the care of a family should be without a supply.

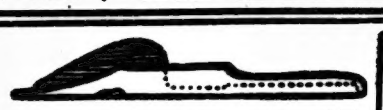
A postcard addressed to the Veno Drug Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Manchester, will secure you an entirely free and post paid sample tin, together with a most interesting booklet dealing with the cure of skin diseases. Germolene costs 1/3 and 3/- at Chemists.—Advt.

GRAVES OF SHEFFIELD

Write for patterns, post free, of Overcoats, Suits, Costumes, Paletots, Raincoats, Mackintoshes etc., or Catalogues of Footwear, Wool Shawls, Drapery, Ladies' and Children's Clothing, Sheffield Cutlery, Gramophones and Records, Tea and Dinner Services, Bedsteads, Bedding, Spring Mattresses, Quilts, Trunks, Carpets and Linos, Pottery & Appliances, etc. Grand values. EASY TERMS. J. G. GRAVES LTD., SHEFFIELD.

FREE

TO ALL WHO FILL IN COMPETITION COUPONS.



The "KUPON" Pen is specially made to write on Coupon paper. It does not spurt or blot, and with the special Duct attachment you can write for 15 minutes with one dip in the ink. Can be fitted into any penholder, and turns any ordinary pen into a Fountain Pen. They are sold at 6d. per set (pen, nib and duct), or 3 sets for 1/- Send Postcard for Free Sample. *Address*—KUPON PEN COMPANY, 2, Wine Office Court, Fleet St., London, E.C.4.

CLARNICO LILY CARAMELS

are made of pure cane-sugar, rich cream and other strength-building ingredients, and almonds—in the CLARNICO way, so often imitated but never equalled.

Sold loose by weight, or in the beautiful (turquoise-blue) boxes illustrated above, and either way will cost you 10d. per ½ lb.

CLARKE, NICKOLLS & COOMBS, LTD., Victoria Park, London.

CLARNICO

THE "JOHN BULL" GUARANTEE.—We guarantee the goods advertised by every firm whose trade announcement appears in JOHN BULL, i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for their being of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of payment, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns, we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one week from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to JOHN BULL, Advertisement Department, 92, Long Acre, London, W.C. 2.

£1,600,000

has been paid to our policyholders, a striking argument for Life Assurance. Have you made provision to secure future benefits for yourself or your dependents? If not, send a postcard, to-day, for our Prospectus.

THE CITY LIFE ASSURANCE CO., Ltd.

6, Paul Street, Finsbury, E.C.2.

You Save Money

in Home Baking, by using the famous British-made raising agent,

BORWICK'S BAKING POWDER

the quality of which makes a little go such a long way.

One teaspoonful is equal in effect to two teaspoonfuls of most other raising agents.

£1 1s. PRIZES will be awarded to readers sending best alternative 2-line verses for any of the articles shown below. One prize each week for each article. Any number of attempts may be sent, but each must be written on a separate postcard.
Similar Competitions in *Passing Show* and *London Mail*, in which *John Bull* readers may compete.

FAMILIAR PACKAGES and Trade Marks

54 GUINEA PRIZES.

The Winning Couplets in No. 10 Competition are used below. Winners' names at bottom of page.

All verses become the property of "John Bull." Decision of Advertisement Manager to be final. Address: Familiar Packages No. 13, Advt. Dept., "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.
Latest date for this week: April 11

Messrs. Nestlé will award an extra Guinea to the winner of this couplet.

NESTLÉ'S GUARANTEE

Refuse Imitations sold at other Prices.

Cash Prices **8½d. & 1/4½** Per Tin.

If "Good, Better, Best" are three degrees,
Give Nestle's the fourth—"Super-best," if you please.

Buy only "Cosmos," 'tis the lamp
On which you'll find perfection's stamp.

Consumption is one of the deadliest ills
That we're called upon here to endure,
But consumption of Bovril prevents it's attack
And prevention is better than cure.

He must have Eggs and Milk and Cream,
the kindly doctor said;
"Oh, Ma! That's 'Mackintosh's'" said
Tommy from his bed.

Rich and Pure—both large and small—
Dano is the cream for all.

"DANO"

PURE RICH DANISH PASTURE CREAM
"The Cream of Denmark's Best."
1/4 per 6 oz. tin. 2/2 per 12 oz. tin.

If you're of for a good long tramp into the cold dark night,
There's nothing better to "lighten" your way, than Turnwright's Toffee-de-light.

ANZORA
CREAM and VIOLA
Both Master the Hair
1/6 & 2/6,
From all Chemists & Hairdressers.
Some "locks" are hard to master, you men no doubt agree,
But then of course you may not know "Anzora" is the key.
Anzora Beta-Napthol Soap Powdered—the finest Shampoo.

Clarnico's "Lily," a real choice confection,
Is the caramel "Queen" by general election.

Grandad at eighty years of age boasts teeth both firm and white,
Because through life he uses "Eucryl" each morning, noon and night.

Eucryl

Messrs. Nestlé will award an extra Guinea to the winner of this couplet.

IDEAL - MILK

6½d. Per Tin. 1/- Per Large Tin.

MILK, whole MILK, and nothing but MILK three times richer in cream than ordinary milk.
REFUSE IMITATIONS.

In the name "Ideal" it's fame we read,
For hidden there we see "I lead."

There are "records" established at all kinds of sport, out of reach to the modest beginner,
But a "Record" worth holding—within reach of all—is the popular two-sided "Winner."

DRI-PED
REGT

The Super Leather for Soles.

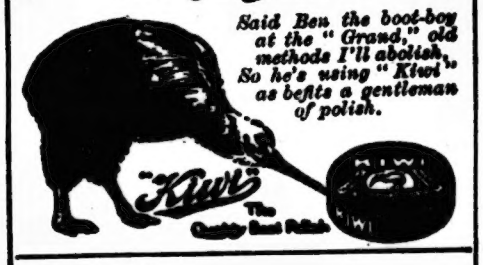
You know the game of "Hide and Seek" is one all love to play,
And "Dri-Ped" is the "Hide" all "Seek"—the best for boots to-day.

See the "DRI-PED" diamond, stamped in purple every few inches on each sole. There is no unstamped "DRI-PED."

"Kiwi"

Any shade of Brown desired and Black of all Dealers.

The Quality Boot Polish



Said Ben the boot-boy at the "Grand," old methods I'll abolish,
So he's using "Kiwi" as befits a gentleman of polish.

The lad in the Tam has a smile full of glee,
His mother has said "There's Cremola for tea."

CREAMOLA
The Queen of Custards.

The most "Natural" sweet in a "Flat" to be seen,
Is the world's renowned Sweetmeat "Sharp's" Super-Kreem.

Said old King Cole,
The merry old sole,
"I'm going to' die' 'ere Summer,
Said his fiddlers three,
"We'd better go
For now you'll need a Drummer."

DRUMMER DYES
Halve the Dress Bill.

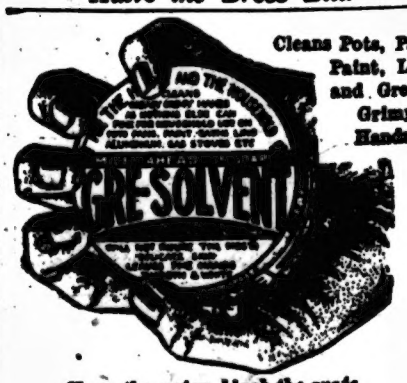
We used to wonder what it meant, the name we saw was "Brito,"
But since we tried it we've found out, it's butter "incognito."

BRITO MARGARINE
The Nation's Choice.

RESULT OF No. 10 COMPETITION.

DRI-PED:
Mr. PAUL GOMES, Upper Norwood.
CLARNICO:
Mr. H. MARSHALL, Leyton.
CREAMOLA:
Mr. S. WHITEHEAD, Ashton-under-Lyne.
DANO:
Miss G. MINTER, London.
BOVRIL:
Mr. T. R. SHEA, Stratford.
DRUMMER DYES:
Mr. A. B. JINKS, Burnley.
IDEAL MILK:
Miss A. MERCER, Cheshire.
NESTLE'S:
Mr. L. S. GUNNELL, Nottingham.
ANZORA:
Mr. W HARRIS, Littlehampton.
BUCRYL:
Mr. JOHN ROBERTS, Eastbourne.
GRE-SOLVENT:
ENID BLYTON, Kent.
COSMOS:
Mr. J. E. HASLAM, Ireland.
TURNWRIGHT'S:
Mr. JAMES J. GREEN, Cheshire.
BRITO:
Miss D. BURTON, Grimsby.
WINNER RECORDS:
Mrs. L. LOGAN, Bradford.
MACKINTOSH'S:
Mr. F. G. MORRIS, Ilford.
KIWI:
Mr. FRED A. BEER, Bristol.
SHARP'S SUPER-KREEM:
Mrs. M. M. LEVY, Andover.

Cleans Pots, Pans Paint, Lino and Greasy Grimy Hands.



Clean the motor, black the grate,
Sweep the chimney, paint the gate,
Make your hands as black as night—
Use Gre-solvent and they're white.

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